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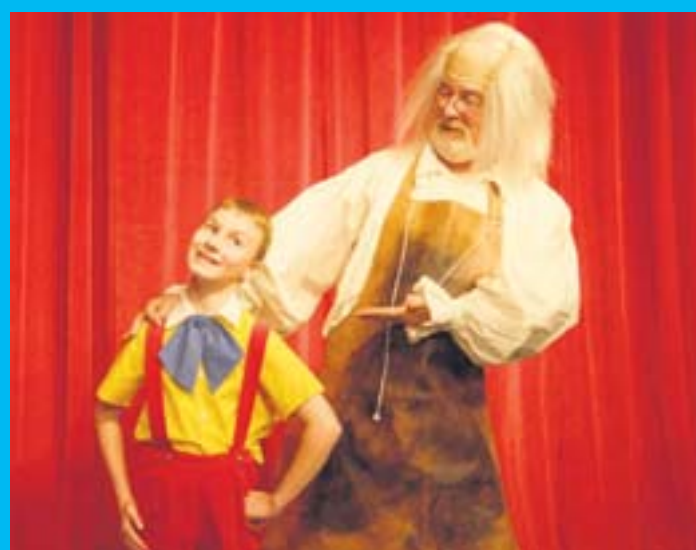
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PINOCCHIO'S A FAMILY THING

A father and daughter are taking to the stage as mother and son in Folkestone Hythe Operatic and Dramatic Society's pantomime, Pinocchio.

Showing at the Tower Theatre in Folkestone from January 8-15, the cast includes family duo Roger Joyce, playing Mamma Macaroni, and daughter Hannah, who is playing the dame's son Antonio.

Pictured are Dave Stone as the puppet-maker Geppetto and Joel Cocks as one of the two Pinochios. Tickets prices start at £8 for children and OAPs; phone the box office on 01303 223925. Half-price tickets are available on opening night.

BY MARIJKE COX

WORK has started on the refurbishment of Deal's Astor Theatre, with the opening date set for April.

The move comes despite Deal Town Council withdrawing its decision to take on a facilitator role, due to the financial risks involved.

Deal Arts Management CIC, which took over the theatre in October, will instead liaise directly with Dover District Council, which owns the building, with regards to the lease.

Cllr Jim Cronk, chair of the amenity and environment committee at the town council, said: "We felt the terms offered by the district council are probative and would leave us with an unacceptable level of financial risk."

According to the Mayor of Deal, Cllr Bill Gardner, if the town council took on the facilitator position, in the event that the management team left, the council would have to pay about £10,000 a year for rent and utilities until a new tenant was found.

He stated that although this would be unlikely at the moment, the risk was too great.

He said: "We couldn't saddle that cost on the local ratepayers, so we pulled out of the role."

"This is a shame as we could have had two councillors on the theatre's board, but we wouldn't be able to afford to keep an empty building running if the management team left."

But a grant of £30,000 is still available to Deal Arts Management from the town council, as well as further funding from Walmer council.

Cllr Cronk said: "Deal Town Council remains committed to bringing the Astor Theatre back into community use, and to enhance this position we have agreed to put £30,000 into next year's budget."

James Tillitt, chief executive and artistic

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STAY SAFE: District commander Ch Insp Ken Elmes (centre), flanked by Sgt Guy Thompson and Sgt Susan Marsden. With them are PCSOs James Hockliss and Janet Dawson.

'Be our partners against criminals over Christmas'

■ BY MARIJKE COX

DOVER'S new district commander for Kent Police is relying on the public to help stop criminals from ruining Christmas.

Ch Insp Ken Elmes, who recently took on the role in Dover, says the community is the eyes and ears of the force and hopes people can assist in stamping out crime.

He said: "The district as a whole is not unsafe. In fact, last year Dover proved to be one of the top places in Kent where people feel the safest."

"But there are still opportunistic criminals out there and pockets of problems."

"We want you to help us protect you by letting us know of any problems in the area."

"If you see a driver you suspect is drunk, for example, take down their registration and let us know. This could save somebody's life."

"We can't do this alone. We're not a one-stop shop any more."

With the launch of the Safer Winter campaign, Ch Insp Elmes and his team are taking to the streets to inform people of the simple steps that can be taken to reduce the chance of being a target.

He said: "We don't want to run the risk of scaring people, but we just want them to know that they can

avoid putting themselves in a vulnerable position. For example, if you leave the packaging for a new TV set outside your house for collection, you're advertising the fact that you have one in your home."

People are being asked to use automatic lights if they are away so as to deter thieves and are being warned about leaving Christmas shopping in cars.

Officers are also advising revellers to avoid driving in the morning after a heavy night's drinking and to drink responsibly over the Christmas period.

Ch Insp Elmes and his team stress they don't want to ruin people's fun, but that partygoers need to know the risks.

Sgt Guy Thompson, of the Dover District Community Safety Unit, said: "We're working in partnership with agencies across the district to make Dover a safer place."

"But the public is our biggest partner in helping stop crime."

A mobile safety unit will be in the town centre on Monday from 10am-3pm, when officers will be giving out lanyards to attach wallets to bags. To find out how to contact your community officer, visit www.kent.police.uk.

'Financial risks' end council's Astor interest

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director of Deal Arts Management, said: "Unfortunately Deal Town Council pulled out of the role, but this doesn't affect us too much in the grand scheme of things."

"It's understandable, really – it's not a rich council."

"We'll still keep them informed with what's going on and they've kindly offered us £30,000 towards the refurbishment."

"Our plan is to have the theatre back open in the second weekend of April with a full programme of events."

A prospectus drawn up by the management team sets out plans for a "creative haven" for the community, with a range of activities, educational programmes, concerts, gigs and entertainment on the stage, plus a new cinema screen.

According to experts, we're the real Deal

DEAL has been ranked as one of the world's top 50 most "authentic" destinations in a British Airways travel guide.

In the latest edition of the company's High Life magazine, the seaside town is compared to the likes of luxurious Carlisle Bay in Antigua, Thailand's popular Koh Samui and Port Elizabeth in South Africa as a place "comfortable in its own skin".

Professor Harold Goodwin of Leeds Metropolitan University was on the panel which came up with the list.

In the magazine, he writes: "An attractive seaside town with a long and important history that it wears publicly but lightly, Deal is very much its own place and welcomes visitors, many of whom return regularly."

Mayor of Deal Cllr Bill Gardner said: "I'm thrilled to see this wonderful place being recognised internationally. Deal's a lovely place."

"I would recommend anyone to go to the end of the pier, look back at Deal and take in the view."

Other panellists who helped compiled the list included former Daily Mirror editor Piers Morgan and author Will Self.

Dungeness and Ramsgate were also on the list, which can be viewed at www.bahighlife.com.

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Popular councillor selected as general election candidate – in Midlands

Parliamentary seat challenge for Tory Julie

POPULAR Dover district councillor Julie Rook has been selected to stand in the next general election for the Wolverhampton North East seat.

Despite the distance, Cllr Rook insists she can successfully juggle her work on Dover District Council with her new role as a Tory prospective parliamentary candidate.

She said: "I'm very good at multi-tasking and I love a challenge.

"I'm not pretending this is going to be easy, but I'm made of tough stuff."

The mother-of-two reached the final in the race for the Dover parliamentary candidate position 18 months ago but was beaten by fellow Tory Charlie Elphicke.

She said: "I was gutted when I didn't get Dover, but there can only be one winner and Charlie is doing a great job.

"It made me think about whether I

BY MARIJKE COX

wanted to continue with that path, but something inside me said I should."

Cllr Rook, who lives in Deal, applied to contest Wolverhampton North East – which is held by Labour with an 8,156 majority – and found out last week that she had been successful.

She said: "It's quite far to travel, but I'll be up there at weekends campaigning. I'm very much in the Dover community, so I will still be committing my time to the district and its residents in the week."

The 43-year-old applied to go on the Conservative electoral list two years ago after Cllr Paul Watkins, leader of Dover District Council, encouraged her to do so.

After an intense two-day interview, she was chosen by Tory leader David Cameron, along with 99 others, to be placed in the top list of hopefuls who could apply to be parliamentary candidates for specific areas.

She said: "It was a real confidence boost. My dad was a milkman and my mum a cleaner. I never once thought I could potentially be an MP, but this made me realise that I am capable.

"I initially applied for areas in Kent, but I'm still pleased to have been chosen for Wolverhampton North East.

"I think I can learn things there and bring them back to Dover. Although each place has local issues that need to be addressed, national issues are the same."

Cllr Rook, who is married to district councillor Christopher Rook and has a daughter, Charlotte, 20, and a 17-year-old son, Tom, said she owes a lot to the leader of the council.

"Cllr Watkins really encouraged me to go for this and has been the backbone throughout. He's been steadfast and a great support.

"This really is the right time for me. I sold my internet company as a going concern in May, so I really have the time to commit myself to this."



TOUGH STUFF: Cllr Julie Rook will contest Wolverhampton North East at the next election

Motorists slip up on wintry roads

POLICE in Dover dealt with ten incidents in one day due to icy conditions.

On Sunday morning, several vehicles were involved in accidents after skidding on ice in the district.

PC Ian Clark said: "Luckily, no one was seriously injured, but the icy conditions did lead to dangerous situations. I urge motorists to note the advice of our Safer Winter campaign.

"If it is wet, foggy or icy, please keep your distance and slow down. If you skid, ease off the accelerator but don't brake suddenly."

Find out more about the campaign at www.kent.police.uk.

Quo-ta of trickster stories brings call from rocker Rossi

ROCK legends Status Quo have invited officials from Dover Town Council to a concert on their UK tour.

The invitation comes after false claims that the council was conned by a trickster pretending to be the band's frontman, Francis Rossi.

Town clerk Mike Webb denied reports in national newspapers that the council had wined and dined the fraudster, saying it was just one councillor, Vic Matcham, who had been tricked.

But now it seems that Dover is benefiting from the scam and the band have asked for the Mayor of Dover and Mr Webb to attend one of their tour dates and have a chat afterwards.

Mr Webb said: "I got on to their management after the whole thing happened. This could have been detrimental to Dover's reputation and something good had to come out of it.

"Status Quo have a real sense of

humour and thought the whole thing was a hoot and asked if myself and the mayor would come to one of their concerts.

"Unfortunately, the mayor is unable to attend, but I will be going to Wembley to meet them. This isn't just a freebie, I think it is very good for them to hear about Dover."

Former councillor Vic Matcham met builder Graham Tumber, who claimed to be Francis Rossi, and hoped he would play a gig at the Festival of Dover.

The conman agreed, promising to bring pals Sir Paul McCartney, Brian May and Charlotte Church.

But Mr Matcham became suspicious when he discovered 'Rossi' was unable to play the guitar and lacked the trademark ponytail despite the trickster claiming that he stuck one on before gigs.

The real Francis Rossi, 59, told a national newspaper: "I'll never know how he knew the secret of my ponytail."

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Research project needs volunteers, say health chiefs

HEALTH chiefs are searching for volunteers to oversee projects in Dover, Deal and Folkestone.

The new research and development programme of the East Kent Hospitals University NHS Trust aims to bring together the public, patients and health-care professionals.

The trust believes that by having multiple viewpoints it will be able to run effectively and reach a standard of excellence in all aspects of patient care.

Dr Mohamed Sakel, director of research and development at the trust, said: "This is a very exciting opportunity for anyone who wants to help move health care forward."

"Research generates new knowledge which can benefit everyone and our programme will explore the needs of east Kent."

For more information, email Dr Sakel at Mohamed.sakel@ekht.nhs.uk or Susan Kelly at Susan.kelly@ekht.nhs.uk.

Emergency access to NHS dentistry

PATIENTS not registered with a dentist can now get access for urgent treatment.

From Monday, the referral management centre at Eastern and Coastal Kent Primary Care Trust will find patients an appointment at one of eight NHS dental access centres.

Patients are asked to phone 01233 667997 between 8am-4pm from Monday to Friday. The service is for emergency treatment only.

Patients needing a course of routine dental care, but who have been unable to find a dentist, can contact centres in Dover and Deal.

For the Dover dental access centre on Maison Dieu Road, phone 01304 865630, or for the surgery in Deal on Bowling Green Lane, phone 01304 865461.

LIFE'S A BEECH AT PARK



A business park in Dover says it is bucking the economic trend by welcoming two new companies into its offices.

Van Developments and Rosewood Trucking are both moving into the energy-efficient Beechwood Business Park at Whitfield.

The eco-friendly site will provide more than 30,000 sq ft of buildings, surrounded by beech trees, under a scheme by WCR Property.

Property director Mike Wallace believes the business park provides the best-quality offices seen in Dover for many years.

He said: "We are building a sustainable development that meets today's need for companies seeking to reduce their carbon footprint and gain from significant energy savings."

Christine Pierzchalo, international freight co-ordinator for Rosewood Trucking, said the park's eco-friendly outlook was one of the contributing factors in the decision to move there.

She said: "The ease of access, together with the building's sustainable footprint, made this an excellent choice."

Survey will help identify permanent traveller sites

■ BY MARIJKE COX

TRAVELLERS in the Dover district could be given specific areas to live under new Government rules.

Local authorities across the country are looking into providing a total of 7,500 permanent sites for travelling families, with rubbish collection, running water and electricity.

At a meeting last month, Dover councillors voted in favour of allocating six pitches after being given four options specifying different numbers – some reaching as high as 24 sites. One pitch can accommodate two families.

Adrian Fox, principal planning officer at Dover District Council, said: "We thought it would be good practice to get travellers to do a survey to find out what their needs are."

"Option A, which specified six pitches, came out as what was needed based on this survey."

Environmental constraints, such as green-belt land, was also looked into when research was carried out.

Mr Fox said: "We divvied up pitches in the

whole of Kent based on these constraints and asked travellers where they wanted to be.

"We asked them specifically what they need and then the public will be involved in how these needs are met."

Asked whether any specific sites had been designated, Mr Fox told Yourdover that further consultation would take place with regards to locations.

The council has now advised the South East Regional Assembly that it supports the option for six pitches and will identify suitable sites through its local development framework.

Bill Forrester, head of Kent County Council's gipsy and traveller unit, said: "This will incorporate the needs of gipsies and travellers into the planning system."

"It takes into account future needs, just like with affordable housing. It also takes it away

from exceptional planning, which is putting them somewhere other developments are not allowed to be built – like zones for heavy industrial development."

According to the charity Friends, Travellers and Families, there are 25,000 gipsies and travellers across the country who have no permanent home.

Through the scheme, the Government hopes access to health facilities and schools will be made easier by providing more legal places for them to stay.

It also hopes illegal camping will be stamped out, ending tension between travellers and settled communities.

The South East has been allocated £18 million in Government funding to help councils and housing associations provide new space and upgrade existing campsites.

Some travellers and gipsies already own their own sites, but by making more land available for camping spaces, the council hopes others will be able to buy or rent a place to live.

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Strike suspended as port talks continue

UNION officials from Unite have insisted that their dispute with Dover Harbour Board is not over, despite strike action being cancelled.

About 320 members were set to walk out at the port on Monday, Wednesday and Friday this week over the planned outsourcing of 190 jobs, but instead union representatives sought talks with port bosses.

Details of the meetings, which have been ongoing since last week, are yet to be released as union officials and Dover Harbour Board (DHB) try to resolve the "delicate" situation.

Jane Jeffrey, Unite's spokeswoman, said: "We have to do what our members want us to do. It would be wrong of us not to try to get a resolution, but we're not releasing any details at the moment as we don't want to inflame

■ BY MARIJKE COX

the situation. Things are so delicate we cancelled the industrial action so meaningful talks could go ahead, but this doesn't mean the dispute is over."

Bob Goldfield, chief executive of DHB, had refused to negotiate over privatisation plans but urged union officials to come forward and discuss terms and conditions of the transfers set to take place over the next two months.

Pensions is one of the factors concerning both parties. Following the talks, an agreed statement from Unite and the harbour board said: "Useful discussions are continuing".

Gwyn Prosser, the MP for Dover and Deal, has been supporting the port workers since the news broke in August that almost 200 landside jobs were being outsourced.

He said: "Strike action is suspended while talks go ahead. But these discussions have to be meaningful, with some concession and compromise. It's on that basis that the strike is postponed."

"If Unite don't get any encouragement they will take further action. It's still early days, though."

Asked whether he was pleased that talks were going ahead, Mr Prosser told Yourdover: "From the start I wanted to see a resolution without industrial action."

"It's a sign of failure when one side has to strike, but they felt they had no option."

"In this case the board always had the advantage of just sitting and waiting."

"They brought in non-union labour to cover those on strike and it was difficult for the workforce to apply any kind of meaningful pressure."

Wheelchair assault

A MAN was assaulted in Dover while pushing his mother in a wheelchair.

The attack took place on Tuesday, November 11, between 11pm and midnight outside Euro Chicken in the high street.

The 30-year-old was approached from behind by a man who kicked him in the thigh and ran off towards the town centre.

The attacker was wearing a black top with the hood up and was about 6ft tall.


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 DHB's Bob Goldfield on planned changes at the port. Search 'Goldfield'



NO SLEEP FOR COFFEE FANS

Customers of La Salle Verte in Dover stayed up until the early hours to vote for their favourite coffee shop. And their commitment paid off when owners Haydn and Diane Billson scooped the Exceptional Customer Service Award in the Best of Business Awards 2008.

The husband-and-wife team, who opened La Salle Verte in Cannon Street 15 months ago, said they had their staff and customers to thank. Mr Billson - pictured above with staff Rachel Kendall, Ann Drake and Jacqueline Feeney - said: "We're very lucky with our clientele. We get a lot of locals, but also people from Deal, Folkestone and even Herne Bay."

"There's a group of ladies from Herne Bay who come here every week. Customers told us they stayed up late on the last night of voting to make sure we won. Our staff have been here since day one and it's really down to them that we won this award."

La Salle Verte has now added music to the menu. Rags-2-Riches will be playing blues, soul, funk and swing on Friday, December 19. Tickets are £9, or £17.50 with a meal included, and are available from La Salle Verte or by calling 01304 201547. Visit www.lasalleverte.co.uk for details.

Empty homes back in use

A SCHEME which helps bring empty properties back into use in the Dover district has approved more than £1 million of interest-free loans.

No Use Empty has already helped homeowners renovate almost 100 empty houses in Dover and Thanet alone.

The initiative is a joint partnership between the district councils and the county council and aims to combat the problem of empty housing. This is seen as crucial in the current economic climate.

The county council has dedicated a £5m revenue fund to provide financial support to owners of empty properties to enable them to

pay for renovations to bring them back into use.

According to the county council, cost is one of the major factors stopping empty homes being refurbished.

Kevin Lynes of the county council said: "The enormous success of the loan scheme highlights just how critical the issue of empty housing is and how the No Use Empty partnership is needed to tackle the problem."

The scheme has already seen £1.1m of interest-free loans for renovation, and with private sector investments this figure reaches almost £4m.

You can phone the No Use Empty hotline 08458 247605, or visit www.no-use-empty.org.

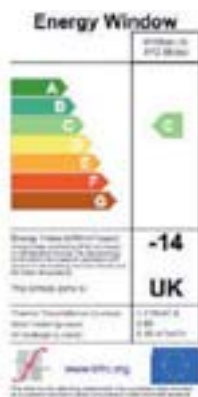
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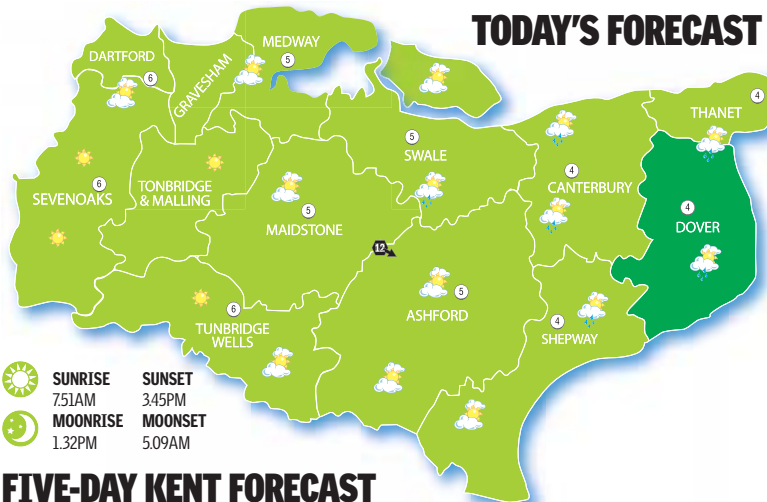
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Dover	Saturday	9:07am	6.5m
	Sunday	9:59am	6.7m
Dungeness	Saturday	9:22am	7.4m
	Sunday	10:12am	7.6m
Ramsgate	Saturday	9:37am	4.9m
	Sunday	10:29am	5.1m
Sheerness	Saturday	10:45am	5.5m
	Sunday	11:39am	5.7m
Whitstable	Saturday	10:42am	5.1m
	Sunday	11:42am	5.2m



AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

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Athens	14°C	New York	3°C
Barcelona	12°C	Paris	2°C
Beijing	5°C	Rome	11°C
Bombay	34°C	Sydney	23°C
Cape Town	25°C	Tenerife	21°C
Cardiff	7°C	Tokyo	10°C
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Canterbury	5°C	4°C	5°C	4°C	6°C	Maidstone	6°C	5°C	5°C	5°C	8°C
Chatham	6°C	5°C	6°C	6°C	8°C	Ramsgate	5°C	4°C	5°C	4°C	6°C
Dartford	6°C	5°C	6°C	6°C	8°C	Rochester	6°C	5°C	6°C	6°C	8°C
Dover	5°C	4°C	5°C	5°C	7°C	Sevenoaks	4°C	4°C	4°C	4°C	6°C
Faversham	6°C	5°C	6°C	6°C	8°C	Sittingbourne	6°C	5°C	6°C	6°C	8°C
Folkestone	5°C	4°C	5°C	5°C	7°C	Tonbridge	5°C	4°C	5°C	4°C	7°C
Gillingham	6°C	5°C	6°C	6°C	8°C	Tun Wells	5°C	4°C	5°C	4°C	7°C

Port holds answers to future of UK economy

DOVER could help predict the future of the UK's economy, according to experts at a leading design and engineering consultancy.

Alexander Jan, director of business and strategy at Scott Wilson Group, said the relationship between freight movements at the Port of Dover and the overall health of the economy is "compelling."

He said: "For every £1 billion increase in the UK's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), Britain's busiest ro-ro freight port handles an additional 900 inbound lorries."

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Relationship

Research by the consultants showed that since 1996 GDP, which is the most widely-used indicator of national income, has grown by 90.9 per cent, averaging 1.3 per cent annually, and inbound freight by 115.6 per cent, with a yearly average of 1.6 per cent.

The chief executive of Dover Harbour Board, Bob Goldfield, agrees that the port acts as an accurate economic gauge.

He said: "For the first two months of this year, freight volumes continued to increase."

"However, clear signs of an economic downturn, even recession, can be seen starting from March, and by June freight movements were down by 3.6 per cent over the same period last year."

"This is exactly the time the Governor of the Bank of England, Mervyn King, now concedes that the UK economy stopped growing."

Mr Goldfield says economists would learn a lot through tracking freight movements.

"There will always be economic blips and in the extreme, like this one, we can identify an impending recession. Our focus should be on the long-term predictions of ro-ro freight between South-east England and the Continent."

"The Government has forecast this to grow by 85 per cent over the next 25 years – an annual increase of 2.6 per cent – and we must plan for the next quarter-century."



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QUESTION & ANSWER

BEN STEELE



Q When did you first become interested in acting?

A I think I've always been interested in performing. My mum will tell you that whenever we went to a place with a stage in it, I would climb up and put on a little show.

Q How old were you when you took part in your first performance and what was it?

A It depends what you'd call a performance. I was in primary school nativity plays, and drama club when I was 10, when we did Babes in the Wood for the school. I took part in my first Dover Pageant in 2002 when I was nine, but my first proper theatre performance was in The Blackfish Academy's first ever show, The Musical Hood, when I was 12.

Q What was it like acting in the BBC film Washed Up and can you tell us about your character?

A I was a Czech castaway – dark and mysterious, and my costume reflected this as I wore black. It was hard work, but fun – I was the one asked to record all the sound effects. Splashing through the waves, gasping for air and running on the sand. I made friends with the lead actor, Tim Seyfert, and in between takes we told each other jokes and played frisbee on the beach – dressed in evening wear!

Q What was it like being in front of the camera instead of up of stage in front of an audience?

A Filming is more intense, you film one small bit over again from different angles

and you have to remember to hit the same mark each time. Stage work is more nerve-wracking as you have to get it right first time, but at least you can vary your performance every night.

Q Have you got any performances on the horizon?

A I have just won the principle part of Rockfist Slim in the Alan Ayckbourn play The Boy Who Fell into a Book. We will be performing it in the Roundhouse Theatre early in the New Year. I'm also busy with the Marlowe Youth Theatre, and some of us have been asked to act in a short film to be made by an independent film company. They start filming in a fortnight.

Q What are your hopes and aspirations for the future?

A To pass my GCSEs and A Levels, then to spend my gap year working in a theatre to gain some experience.

After that, hopefully win a place at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama (where my acting mentor Michael Anders studied), and maybe even do some holiday work at BBC Cardiff on Doctor Who. My ambition is to be a comedy actor, like Simon Pegg – he's my comedy idol.

Q I've heard you also have a passion for music. Can you tell us about your band?

A I love playing piano, and have just passed with merit my Grade Two Jazz Piano

exam – thanks to my teacher Richard Ansell. I have recently formed a duo called BaM! with my friend Mitchell MacKay (who plays guitar), and we mostly perform at school functions. I enjoy composing and last summer, me and five other boys from our GCSE class wrote a trumpet fanfare which was performed at the Deal Festival of Music.

I was also in the school choir and have travelled to different cathedrals and churches to sing at evensong service.

Q What is it like for a young person to grow up in Dover?

A Dover's a beautiful place but a bit boring for youngsters as there are very few places for us to go and do things together outside of school. However, I have always managed to find things to do at weekends that really interest me – Dover Gym Club, Dover Swimming Club and The Blackfish Academy, and I've made loads of new friends as a consequence.

Q What is your favourite thing about it?

A The beautiful countryside and all the walks you can take around it – especially the one along Langdon Cliffs.

Q If you could change anything, what would it be?

A Open a big entertainment complex with a purpose built theatre, cinema, bowling alley, youth clubs, and recreation grounds.

The budding young thespian talks to **Marijke Cox** about life as a young person in Dover, the range of differences between stage and screen, musical aspirations and his comedy hopes for the future

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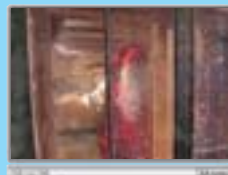


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Health trusts facing equality challenge

BY JENNA PUDELEK

NHS trusts in Kent are set to be questioned if their workforce is not diverse and representative of the area they serve.

More than 100 clinicians and senior managers attended a conference this week organised by NHS South East Coast, the strategic health authority (SHA) that covers Kent, Surrey and Sussex, on improving equality, diversity and human rights.

It comes after a recent review found black and ethnic minority health-workers in the region were facing widespread disadvantages including a disproportionate number involved in bullying and harassment, grievance and disciplinary procedures.

Sue Webb, the SHA's director of clinical and workforce development, said: "If we can develop a workforce that is diverse and respects human rights it will have a direct and positive impact on our ability to deliver care."

The Race Equality Service Review was carried out by the SHA's Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) Network.

It found significant under-representation of BME senior leaders and a disproportionate amount of people from BME backgrounds

working just below middle management. Ms Webb said the report, published in August, was helpful and had encouraged the SHA to accelerate its investigation into equality and diversity issues across the region.

The SHA has developed a scheme, which is being adopted by other authorities across the country, to find out how many BME staff are being employed and which pay-band they are in throughout its 27 organisations.

Ms Webb said: "The network did its best at collecting data around ethnicity, which is a challenge for the whole of the public sector. We have this tool which provides a window into organisations and will allow us to challenge them."

At a meeting with chief executives, she said there would be a focus on leadership and "why

we have not got more BME colleagues at board level". The review found that Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust and East Kent Hospitals University NHS Trust have all-white British boards.

She said leadership was also an issue that she wanted to discuss with Surinder Sharma, the Department of Health's director of equality and diversity, as well as proposals to set targets for employing BME staff at board level.

Ms Webb said she was working with human resources to investigate the review's findings that a disproportionate amount of BME staff were involved in grievances, bullying and harassment cases. At NHS West Kent, for example, BME employees made up 43 per cent of bullying and harassment procedures, but



DIVERSITY: A greater mix of ethnicities is being called for within health care, particularly at management levels

only accounted for seven per cent of the primary care trust's workforce.

A number of schemes to improve the diversity of NHS organisations under the SHA while at the same time reducing health inequalities was also under way, Ms Webb said.

The PCT, NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent and East Kent Hospitals University NHS Trust are taking part in an initiative called the Pacesetters Programme to make working environments fair and free of discrimination.

Ms Webb said: "It is about improving health inequalities across the six strands of diversity – disability, sexual orientation, gender, religion and beliefs, age and race.

"It is important we are developing our workforce, but the impact will be on the patient."

Plea for job advertising to target more ethnic diversity

JOB adverts should be targeted at specific groups to attract more people of black and ethnic minority origins to take up new posts, according to a Kent paramedic.

Winston Dwyer, who works as clinical education manager at South East Coast Ambulance (SECAmb) service, is co-chair of Aspire, a group which promotes

equality and diversity throughout the trust and is open to all staff.

He said: "The percentage of BME staff within SECAmb is very low in comparison with the population we serve. Part of Aspire's aim is to address that."

Mr Dwyer added that it was important ambulance staff represented the community they served.

"For example, we serve areas with large Asian communities, but members in the service are minimal," he said.

"We have done what we have always done as far as recruitment is concerned, and changing that strategy is needed.

"Advertising in specific papers like the Voice or an Asian paper

where specific people read it so we target specific areas and get the maximum exposure – these are the types of strategies we [Aspire] have been looking at."

Mr Dwyer said he had not been the victim of racism during his time in the ambulance service and had been able to progress well up the career ladder.

Calling all injury-ridden footballers – extra healing help is on its way

NHS Careers is giving one unfortunate football team the chance to win new kits for its entire squad.

As part of the Step Into The NHS campaign, the group has launched a competition to find the most injury-hit youth or school football team in England during the 2007/08 season.

And it wants to hear from an

unlucky side in Kent to take part.

Along with new home and away kits for each member of their squad, the winning team will also receive tips from a range of NHS professionals on healthy eating, exercise and staying fit.

Physiotherapists, dieticians and exercise physiologists will help them

lose the 'sicknote' tag and turn them into a championship-winning outfit.

NHS Careers will follow the winning team's progress next season on the Step Into The NHS website, including squad details, fixtures, results, highlights of key games and interviews with team members.

Healthy eating and exercise tips

from a range of NHS staff will also be on the website.

Alan Simmons, careers consultant for NHS Careers, said: "Many teenagers think of careers in the NHS as being about doctors, nurses and blue lights.

"But just as a football team needs more than players to be a success,

the NHS needs people for a whole range of careers. In fact, there are more than 350 different careers to be explored.

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Playtime is here with family's fantastic gift

BY JENNA PUDELEK

CHRISTMAS has come early for a Kent children's ward, with £7,000 worth of toys donated by the family of a 10-year-old boy with cancer.

Jason and Vicki Fuller's son, Lewis, was diagnosed with a rare form of bone cancer, called Ewing's sarcoma, in April.

The couple, from Biddenden, noticed that Lewis and his fellow young patients did not have much in the way of entertainment during stays at the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford.

"My wife and I just felt the kids have to lie in bed for weeks and have no personal entertainment, so we bought them DVD-players, televisions and PlayStations. Friends and family all chipped in. Everyone wants to help because it's for children," Mr Fuller said.

The Fullers raised almost £20,000 through two charity parties and a sponsored walk.

Money has been split between Padua Ward, the children's ward at the William Harvey; University College London Hospital, where Lewis has been having chemotherapy; and the



AT THE WHEEL: Lewis Fuller accompanied by family members - including mum and dad (back, far left) - and ward manager Sue Gibbons (red strap with ID badge)

Bone Cancer Research charity. Sue Gibbons, ward manager at Padua, said the youngsters were thrilled with all the toys, especially so close to Christmas.

"It's unbelievable," she said. "The family has worked so hard to get us all this equipment for the children."

Children going for operations will now be able to drive themselves to the theatre in a motorised toy car. Mr Fuller said he hoped Lewis would be able to spend Christmas Day at home with the family.

"He is so happy all the time," he said, paying tribute to his brave son. "He is a magician and has joined the Magic Circle."

"When he had his collar bone removed he spent two days in intensive care and was doing magic for all the other kids. I think that speaks for itself."

Only about three children a year are diagnosed with the same form of bone cancer as Lewis has.

Mr Fuller said: "All the staff have been brilliant. The care has been second to none and their nurses are so kind and gentle with the kids. They just need individual entertainment such as televisions and DVDs to keep them occupied."

The Fullers said they would be doing more fund-raising in the New Year and hoped to donate more toys and gifts to children who were forced to stay in hospital to make them feel more at home.

To join the Fullers' fund-raising drive, phone Jason Fuller on 07977 442924.

'Councils Bank' could bypass global turmoil

COUNCILS could team up to form a national town hall bank to protect taxpayers' money from crashes in financial markets.

Peter Gilroy, the chief executive of Kent County Council, is backing the idea in the wake of losing £50 million invested in Icelandic banks during the credit crunch.

He said the idea of local authorities running a bank made sense as it would protect council reserves.

The move would see some of the cash available to councils across the UK invested in their own newly-created financial institution. Research into the plan is still at an early stage, but financial analysts say it is a practical proposition.

Support

Mr Gilroy said: "Finding a way forward means looking at the big picture and seeing how local councils across the country can work together."

"What is clear is that the public interest principles of running a bank would be great for business and would sit well alongside other work KCC and other councils are doing to support local economies."

"With that in mind, we will be working with the New Local Government Network and other councils on the idea of a Councils Bank."

"This could be a win-win situation. With local authorities as shareholders you have the chance to use dividends for investing in services or returning money to the taxpayer."

Chris Leslie, director of the New Local Government Network, said: "If only a quarter of the £15 billion-£20 billion of local government reserves was invested in a Councils Bank, then millions in available capital could be released, regardless of how sticky private lending between banks might be."

"While this model might be perceived as a humdrum savings and loan facility, limited to domestic local institutions only, in the swirling vortex of international risk a safe haven such as this should be coveted."

Winter safety campaign launched by police

HOMEOWNERS, partygoers and motorists are being urged to stay alert and safe this Christmas by Kent Police.

The Safer Winter Campaign provides simple steps people can take to protect possessions and lessen the risk of being targeted by thieves. The campaign also reminds revellers how they can keep safe while enjoying the festive season.

It gives practical advice through leaflets, posters and online, while residents are also

being encouraged to speak to their local neighbourhood officers for crime prevention advice.

Chief Inspector Lee Russell said: "Thieves are opportunistic - don't give them the opportunity to spoil your Christmas."

"Whether people are at home for Christmas or not, presents should be kept out of sight. And the boxes they came in should be carefully disposed of so as not to advertise the new items inside your home."

Cars can also be a target for thieves when

people are Christmas-shopping. "Don't leave property on display in your car when it is unattended," said Ch Insp Russell.

"Try not to leave shopping in your vehicle for any length of time, even if it's hidden away. And take your sat-nav with you."

Police also want party people to behave responsibly. Ch Insp Russell said: "Make sure you know in advance how you are getting home and don't ever be tempted to drive home after a few drinks. It simply isn't worth it."

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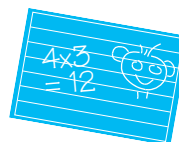
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Allison achieves a burning ambition

A SOUTH Kent College student from Deal was given unique access to the Houses of Parliament for a research project.

Allison Stevens, who is studying furniture restoration at the Folkestone campus, examined every fireplace in the Commons and Lords as part of her coursework.

The final 300-page report featured detailed research into the fireplaces and their furnishings. She said: "It was a fantastic building to work in. There was so much to take in."

The placement was organised by tutors Barry Feldman and Barry Woolnough.

Mr Woolnough said: "It took ages to set up, mainly because of security. Allison could not work when the House was not sitting."

The Palace of Westminster set Allison the task of studying every fireplace along with its irons, shovels, pokers and other furniture.

Staff were so impressed with her presentation she has been invited to Buckingham Palace to look at furniture, and the Queen's Gallery at Windsor Castle, next year.

Dani's ballet honour

A PUPIL from Northbourne Park School near Deal has been chosen to help launch the Royal Academy of Ballet's new syllabus.

Dani Kamraev, eight, is one of only five children to be chosen from across the country and will perform at the opening of the Royal Academy of Dance international conference in January.

A film of the presentation will be used in the 79 member countries in preparation for pre-primary and primary dance exams. Dani has been attending dance classes since he was four and joined Wollaston Ballet School in Deal aged five.

Sandwich savours serving of success

■ BY MARIJKE COX

SANDWICH Technology School's catering team has scooped the national School Catering Award for 2008.

Chef and restaurant manager Kevin Douglas was presented with the accolade by TV personality Philippa Forrester at Arsenal's Emirates Stadium during the Education Business Awards.

The event aims to commend schools across England that demonstrate how the dedication of teaching and management staff, together with investment, has led to better learning environments.

Sponsored by the School Food Trust, the 2008 School Catering Award recognises the first-class service Mr Douglas and his team provide at the school with their commitment to healthy eating and value for money.

According to the trust, school food is a core part of what makes an establishment successful.

Richard Wallis, the headteacher at Sandwich Technology School, said: "I am thrilled. This recognition is testimony to Kevin's commitment to providing high quality, healthy food every day for all the students and staff."

The judging panel praised the school's varied menus, pointing out the quality, locally sourced ingredients.

They also commended the imaginative



GOOD TASTE: Philippa Forrester with Kevin Douglas and Veronica Gomez of Sandwich Technology School

restaurant design and popular healthy vending machine option, which sells fresh fruit and milk and allows students to eat similar food to that in the canteen in other areas of the school.

The views of parents and students were taken into account when these changes took place regarding food options.

Mr Douglas said: "The catering team strives to be the best and it is great to know the service we provide is not just appreciated locally, but nationally as well."

The chef's innovative approach to good food has also led him to work closely with the Schools Food Trust. He is part of a working party panel that is helping introduce new nutritional standards to primary and secondary schools.

He has also had a case study published on the trust's website.

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Attitude problem fans my fear of football matches

EVEN if the Gills did make it through last night to face Aston Villa in the next round of the FA Cup, I still won't be able to stop feeling disappointed and glum.

Why, you ask?

Well, I'd love to go and watch the game. I can probably afford the ticket and train fare in spite of the credit crunch and it's all part of the festive season to burn off the excesses of too much turkey by cheering your favourite team from the stands on a frosty winter's afternoon.

My male friends go all glassy-eyed when they remember going to see a Boxing Day match with their dad or granddad, when players still wore decent leather boots instead of the flimsy plimsolls they wear today.

But that's just it – they were boys!

And before all women footy fans start arguing that yes women go to matches, and yes you're treated as one of the lads, and yes you can down as many pints as they do and reel off

the vital statistics of who scored, how and when...

Yes, I know, but that's not my point... I would like to take my daughter!

How, as a single mum, do I possibly make an enjoyable day of it at a match with a young daughter without having to enlist the company of a male relative or friend?

And why don't I feel the same about going to Twickers to see Harlequins v Leicester Tigers on December 27, or a Test Match at Lords next summer?

Simple. I've done both of the latter and had a great time, but football matches intimidate me. Basically, I'm nervous of the crowd.

Now I'm not a shy little thing – I can handle large crowds, swearing and even violence if justifiable in a bizarre way, but there's something about football crowds and the ongoing issues of racism and bad behaviour in the game that puts me off.

High-profile press reports of Premiership players suffering abuse, and even stories that don't make the Press, like when my friend saw Leeds play Histon last week and came away

appalled that the Leeds fans were "just nasty", do nothing to ease my fears.

And the problem is only made worse by websites like Tophooligan.com and Football-hooligans.org seemingly encouraging bad behaviour as if it's admirable and a legitimate part of the fan experience. Well, it's not.

I know huge amounts of money and publicity are put into campaigns to "kick racism out of football".

The Gills have initiatives declaring "bad language has no place in family activities. Please respect your fellow supporters in family areas at league clubs".

But in spite of this I feel nervous of actually going to the game.

For now I'll make do with listening to the commentary on the radio, but I hope one day things will change and I can take my daughter to the match without having to keep one eye looking over my shoulder.

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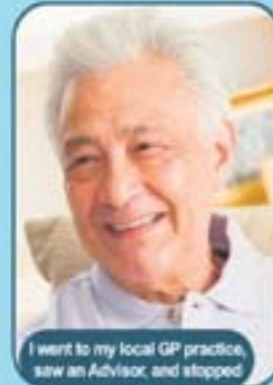
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SEAN BARBER

The franchisee of McDonald's in Whitfield and Dover talks about the benefits of being your own boss



What brings you to Dover?

I moved into business in Dover in 2000 having worked in the area during the late 1980s and early 90s while trying to build a career with McDonald's. I worked in the Biggin Street store when it first opened as a crew member. I was offered the Dover franchise as part of McDonald's 25th birthday celebrations where they made 25 employees franchisees as a thank you. I decided to take up the offer as I wanted a new challenge.

Tell us about your role at McDonald's

I am responsible for the day-to-day running of both outlets. This includes budgeting, marketing and all areas of food safety and health and safety. I am also responsible for all the staffing needs. I have built up a good base of local customers, with most now calling me by name.

I am also a governor at Priory Fields School. I have good links with local newspapers, which have come in very useful with our 'Just Bin It' campaigns. This year, as in 2004, we won the McDonald's internal environment competition for our efforts, with the prize being £500 to spend on next year's campaign. We have organised annual litter-picks around Dover, in addition to art competitions to raise awareness among young people. I have a social responsibility within the community of trying to help solve the litter problem. I have given talks in schools on environmental matters and talks to school groups in my restaurant.

What do you do in your spare time?

The best thing about being a franchisee is the ability to manage my time while being my own boss. In the past it was always difficult to get time off for school plays, sports days and parents' evenings, but now I work my time around the things that are really important. I seldom miss school events now and have more time to enjoy home life. I like to go river and lake fishing and also play golf (very badly). The rest of my time is taken up with my three boys.

YOUR LETTERS

I, the 1890s Leas lift step carriage

*Soon I will be back again, to see once more
The place where I belong,
To see as I did then, but now on changes, new awakenings
Within the morning throng,
My time spent long away from public eye,
My future in the hands of they,
Those that with pleasure raise hope again,
With care, and kind thought, to make my day.*

*My structure now holds hope, gives heart to me,
That soon I'll stand, outside my rightful home,
There, forever grateful I will be,
To the cause that bred the spirit deep in me.*

*And now my new masters all agree that I am part,
And on this site will always be,
And this the greatest gift of all,
That I, raised on my track, may never fall.*

PS: I would like to say, from my heart, thank you for all your donations and contributions to reinstate me.

I feel I have served all well; the bottoms that have sat upon my seats I hope have appreciated my warmth. Those of distinction, those off to the wars, those of curiosity, and of course those on holiday, I love them all.

Although I have had hard times, my paint has peeled and I have suffered the wounds of old age, I am not a bad old chap and look forward to a revival of myself and this dear old town.

Best wishes to you all, and thank you for the new lease of life you have given me.

Step Leas Life Carriage and, in anticipation,
Maxwell Dunlop, Folkestone



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Call an ambulance? You need a gondola

Is Dover the Venice of Kent?
The proposed site for the

medical facility in Maison Dieu is in a high flood risk location, states the Environment Agency.

The project team, PCT and health authorities have been made aware of this.

A building can be designed to withstand floods, but how do

patients, visitors and staff gain access through two feet of flood water?

The drainage and sewerage system would also be vulnerable with the resultant mess, debris and unpleasant chaos.

Do we have to wait for the first flood and disruption before the public say: "We told you so"?

Reg Hansell, Shepherdswell

Always a delight to visit your town

Having had the pleasure, yet again, of bringing the roadshow to Dover for your excellent Christmas lights switch-on, I felt it was appropriate to wish all in Dover a very happy Christmas.

We feel part of the town, since we work closely with the town council and its partners, not only for the switch-on, but also for the regatta.

Accordingly, we see Dover at its best, in both summer and winter. From our wide experience of taking the roadshow around the country, I am delighted to say that the Dover events rate among the best organised and best attended, so we are happy to play our part. We look forward to seeing you all again next time.

Season's greetings from us all.
Gordon Sleggs, Just Unique

We can achieve so much together

I would like to thank everybody who made the Christmas lights switch-on such a success.

Volunteers, groups, schools and organisations helped Dover Town Council provide so much.

To give just a few examples: during the day hundreds of children used the speed-radar unit in Pengeceter to hone their sporting skills, a crowd of several

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hundred watched the CJ Dance team in action, almost 2,000 mince pies were given out, and, of course, a crowd of thousands enjoying the roadshow's countdown to the switch-on itself.

It was delightful this year to recognise the ongoing success of Dover Athletic, through having Whites manager Andy Hessenthaler join the mayor for the switch-on. Our thanks go, once again, to everyone who volunteered their services to provide such wonderful support. Your town council is committed to Dover, so how about this as a New Year's resolution? If you would like to help us at any of our future events, please contact us. We are here for you – and hope that you are here for us.

Cllr Mrs Ronnie Philpott,
chairman, events committee,
Dover Town Council

We just want control of our country back

I read with interest the letter from Ray Duff, headlined 'BNP out of touch with world views'.

The BNP has no problem with any person living legally within these shores, whatever their colour or faith. The party is opposed to uncontrolled immigration and asylum-seekers who pass through safe countries to reach these shores.

It is opposed to handing power to the EU, costing us millions per day. It is opposed to our health service being exploited by non-nationals; our social services being exploited; our prisons full of people who shouldn't be in the country.

Our industry being sold to foreign

companies. Our laws and customs being changed.

Free speech being eroded. Our children being ashamed to say that they are British. As for Barack Obama and Lewis Hamilton, neither resides in this country. However, their success is commendable, irrespective of their colour.

Nigel Oliver, Folkestone

BNP reaction shows party's true colours

Disappointingly Mr Williams of the above BNP one only reply with less than the usual standard of abuse, threats and creative use of someone who has lost the argument. Also not mentioned is the clearly embarrassing loss of the still top membership list; nor the police in Liverpool having to enforce a potentially racist BNP leader being

Barrage of flak after I hit a raw nerve

GEORGE Carman QC – arguably the finest advocate this country has ever seen, and a life-long friend of my father – always said that when the flak started flying you knew you were over the target or had hit a raw nerve.

Well, the flak has certainly started flying from Ray Duff (letters, last week).

On the contrary, Mr Duff, there were no evasive tactics on my part, as you mentioned.

The truth can be very unpalatable

to some people but very apparent to most, as I received many congratulations last week from people who read my letter.

No doubt Mr Duff, not to be upstaged, received more for his.

Much of his letter is pure conjecture. As for the Human Rights Act, there can't be a person in the land who likes this legislation – unless you happen to be a terrorist or a criminal – but seeing it as it is there, why not use it to our advantage?

For years the media has smeared the BNP as racists – a phrase invented to stifle debate. The BNP has been asking for a debate for years.

What are the three tired old parties afraid of? What is it that they don't want us to know?

Surely we can't be pilloried for wanting a debate? That equates to being condemned without a trial. There can't be a person in the country who would disagree with that. Mr Duff is living in a fantasy where everybody is happy with this world.

In reality, people are seeing their livelihoods and homes lost, their land being changed irreversibly with uncontrolled immigration which will see the indigenous population being in the minority in 50 years.

I can't remember anybody being asked if they wanted this to happen.

Did anyone ask you, Mr Duff? And do you really want it to happen? Because it will. People are turning to the BNP because they see it is the only party which tells the truth and in an impartial manner.

Harry Williams,
BNP parliamentary candidate
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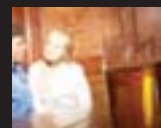
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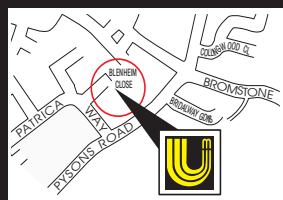
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Enjoy Christmas in the queen's residence

EXPERIENCE the magic of Christmas in Anne Boleyn's childhood home, the beautiful Hever Castle.

There will be a variety of activities taking place at the castle during December, helping visitors get into the festive spirit in a stunning setting. For both children and adults, there will be a touch of magic about the castle this year.

Children can meet Father Christmas as he takes up residence, for the first time ever, in an enchanting snow-covered log cabin. Young visitors will make their way through the magical gardens to his festive home, where they can tell him what gifts they would like for Christmas.

For anyone who would like to send letters to Santa Claus, there will be a chance to send their last-minute wish-list from the village post office.

Animal lovers can meet a beautiful creature from cold climes when a husky dog arrives to greet visitors in the gardens.

The young at heart will also enjoy the seasonal atmosphere, particularly as they will be able to see the castle by moonlight.

The gardens will be illuminated with magical lighting and the castle adorned with decorated Christmas trees to create a breathtaking spectacle. With music and carols to be

THE MAGIC OF
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Running until Sunday, December 21
Hever Castle, near Edenbridge

heard echoing through the castle at weekends, it will come alive with the spirit of Christmas.

Visitors will be able to find plenty of inspiration in the gift shop, which will be bursting with great present ideas and beautiful decorations to adorn their own homes.

On Thursday, December 18, the castle will be hosting a special Christmas evening and will stay open until 8pm. There will be lots of festive entertainment on offer, from

music and carols to the antics of fire-eating Taro the Jester.

The castle's restaurants will be serving up a hearty helping of Christmas delights, including favourite seasonal treats such as hot chestnuts, gingerbread men, hot chocolate and mulled wine.

On Thursday there will be the opportunity to enjoy a traditional three-course Christmas dinner between 6.30pm and 10pm. Meals cost £39.95 and must be pre-booked.

Hever Castle is open from noon to 6pm, Thursday to Sunday, until Sunday, December 21. Admission costs from £6.

Steeped in history and set in beautiful countryside, Hever Castle is best known as the childhood home of the ill-fated Anne Boleyn.

She first met the charismatic Henry VIII at the castle and went on to become his second wife after Catherine of Aragon failed to provide him with a male heir.

The king had also tired of his former mistress, Anne's sister Mary.

But although their daughter would become Queen Elizabeth I, Anne could not provide the longed-for son and she also fell victim to her husband's rage. In 1536 she was charged with high treason and executed.

For more information about the castle, phone 01732 865224, or visit www.hevercastle.co.uk.



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Saturday, December 13
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Origins of the Royal Marine Bands in the Portsmouth area can be traced back to the mid-1700s, but the current band is a direct descendant of the Band of

the Royal Marine Artillery, formed in 1861. Over its history the band has travelled the world and engagements include performances at Her Majesty The Queen's coronation in 1953, Sir Winston Churchill's state funeral in 1965 and the World Cup Final in 1966.

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DICK WHITTINGTON

Saturday, December 13, to
Sunday, January 4,
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Following the success of last year's Mother Goose, Michael Wheatley-Ward returns to produce this year's Christmas show.

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Grotto. Snow will be falling whatever the weather and there will be no queuing, as visitors can pre-book their time with Father Christmas.

He will be bringing his beautiful reindeer with him, so animal lovers will enjoy meeting them along with the centre's friendly residents. For something slightly different, Mr Wong and the Dragon's one-man pantomime will also be providing festive entertainment.

There is plenty to do at the Rare Breeds Centre, from the indoor play barns and Creepy Crawly World to the birds of prey, woodland trails and assault course.

The Santa Specials will be held this weekend and again from Thursday, December 18, to Tuesday, December 23. To pre-book call 01233 861493, extension 221 or 224.

For more details see www.rarebreeds.org.uk.

DOVER LEISURE

A fair morning to raise funds for light display

DISCOVER some great gift ideas and get into the festive mood at the Sandwich Lights Christmas Fair.

The event is being held at St Peter's Church in Market Street on Saturday, from 10am to 1pm. There will be lots of stalls, mulled wine and the chance to win a Christmas turkey in a raffle.

The event will be an enjoyable part of the Christmas festivities, while helping to support the lights that illuminate Sandwich each year.

Make three wishes and join the pantomime fun

EMBARK on an Oriental festive adventure as The Guild Players present their production of Aladdin.

The popular Christmas pantomime, in which a young boy discovers a magic lamp, will be staged at the Kilshawe Hall in St George's Hall, High Street, Deal, from Wednesday to Saturday, December 17-20.

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Gertcha self dahn for a Tap'n'Tin knees-up

BY SIMON ROBINSON

FORMER Libertines frontman Pete Doherty will return to Chatham next week to play on the undercard of cockney rockers Chas'n'Dave's Christmas Tap'n'Tin gig.

We can reveal that the once-troubled singer/songwriter will act as warm-up for the Snooker Loopy duo in a repeat of last year's fantastic Christmas offering.

Pete's appearance was being kept under wraps by Tap'n'Tin bosses, but with the eagerly-anticipated gig just ten days away the cat has been let out of the bag.

A few tickets are still available, so visit www.wegotickets.com to get your hands on one. Do it. Do it now.

Videos of Pete's and Chas'n'Dave's sets from last year's performance are available on our website, www.yourkenttv.co.uk, and at the right of this page.

To get you in the mood for the pre-Christmas treat, here are my top five Chas'n'Dave/Pete Doherty-related YouTube videos:

- Snooker Loopy by the Matchroom Mob with Chas'n'Dave (<http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=BlAPzEsao0>).

This clip, viewed more than 75,000 times, shows the official video to the novelty pop song Snooker Loopy, a number six smash hit in May 1986. Featuring professional players of the day including Steve Davis, Terry Griffiths and Dennis Taylor on backing vocals, the timeless tune boasts lyrical gems such as "old Willie Thorne, his hair's all gone".

- Amy Winehouse (<http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=hdxBJyonNgw>).

Doherty and Amy Winehouse use newborn mice ventriloquism to send a message to Amy's then-incarcerated husband Blake Fielder-Civil. Holding one mouse up to the camera, Amy says: "Blake, please don't



ROCKNEY GEEZERS: Pete Doherty on the mic at last year's fantastic Christmas gig with Chas'n'Dave

divorce mummy, she loves you ever so. I'm only a day old, I don't know what I'm doing, but I know what love is." Pete, holding another mouse, chimes in with: "If you do divorce her, you'll have me to deal with."

- Bizarre yet brilliant and viewed more than 1.2 million times.

- Kings of variety. The Two Ronnies use Chas'n'Dave as the inspiration for this Christmas ditty: Proper prime-time television.

(<http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=IJChWsgii0>).

- Pete in the bath (<http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=iEnGC6jKSA>).

The former Babyshambles singer speaks about the need to be clean before gigging. Good advice all round.

- Ossie's Dream (<http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=WCXdlxZ5RiM>).

As the son of an avid Spurs fan, I feel it's my duty to draw your attention to this song, recorded for the 1981 FA Cup final.

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IVORY TICKLER: Chas at the old joanna during last year's Tap'n'Tin gig



PLUS SUPPORT: Pete Doherty on stage at the Chatham venue



The Kent chart

1. Steve Furlong - To fall with you (from Birchington)
2. D-FiNiTive - Space (from Tenterden)
3. Ron Bowdery - Strange Sights on Bluebell Hill (from New Eltham)
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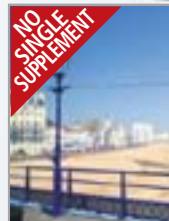
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YOUR TV REVIEW

LOUIS THEROUX'S WEIRD WEEKENDS Dave, 11pm, Sunday

BY TOM BETTS

IF you have only just discovered Louis Theroux, on the strength perhaps of his most recent programmes, his back catalogue showing on Dave is well worth checking out.

These show off his wide-eyed wonderment and inoffensive interview style, which prove a winning blend.

Whether he's spending time with the stranger stars in the celebrity firmament, or seeking out the extraordinary, it's never a waste of time.

His recent Law and Disorder double bill delivered a snapshot of life in bleak, drug-ravaged neighbourhoods, where getting beaten up, hassled by police, arrested or shot is a real, everyday possibility.

It was powerful stuff.

Programme one took us to Philadelphia, or 'Killah-delfia' as one corner boy put it in no uncertain terms.

For all his initial composure, the bespectacled Theroux seemed genuinely shocked by much of what he saw in the Pennsylvania city, meeting junkies and drug lords alike.

More of the same was delivered a week later as he travelled to Johannesburg to witness the reality of gun-totin' street life for thousands of South Africans.

It made for excellent television – in equal parts shocking and intriguing.

Louis has been the BBC's 'boy' for many years and wisely he has been left alone to do his own thing.

While the recent BBC Two efforts have tended to stick to the more serious issues, namely gambling, prison and crime, it was with his Weird Weekends series that he made his name.



A REAL-LIFE DRAMA: Louis Theroux's superb show is now being re-run on Dave... don't miss it

Dave (called Dave as "everyone has a mate called Dave"; no, I don't get the thinking, either) has shrewdly snapped up the rights to this series, and if you didn't see these the first time round, not tuning in this time would be foolish.

It's compulsive viewing for those with a taste for the bizarre.

From wrestling to spiritualism, to self-improvement and the LA swingers circuit, no stone is left unturned.

Working by that old technique, 'give 'em enough rope and they'll hang themselves', all manner of oddballs gladly step forward and more often than not do just that.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

MAKING friends with a newcomer could be difficult. They will probably want to keep themselves to themselves for the time being. The best way to break through is to ask for help with a project. Working together will prove stimulating. Your skills, will produce great results.

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TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

MONEY may be a little bit thin on the ground right now. The more frugal you are the easier it will be to make ends meet. Friends may try to coax you into hitting the party trail, but you will probably fancy a quiet Christmas especially if you need to watch your spending.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

YOU won't have much time to rest and relax. Making money will be your first priority. It may be difficult to find lucrative opportunities. If you're looking for a job, you may need to take one that is beneath your ability. You never know which options will lead to something better.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

DON'T compare your lot with that of wealthier people. You are in very different situations. If you want to change your fortunes, focus on looking for more lucrative work. This may involve developing your creative talent, getting new qualifications or launching your own business.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

YOU may have to move because your current home is undermining a close relationship. Find somewhere that is acceptable to you both. A promotion or impressive job may be elusive. It seems as though there are more capable candidates. Don't be discouraged.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

THE demands of work and family stop you doing as you please. This is really frustrating because you never interfere and try to stop people doing what they want. You think putting on airs to impress people is distasteful. Unfortunately, not everybody shares your view.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

THERE will be precious little opportunity to spend time at home. You are needed at work where you must try not to be too hard on a newcomer who doesn't know the ropes. If you take it upon yourself to show them the ins and outs of the operation, be patient and tolerant.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

SOME people seem determined to find fault with everything you do. Don't bother trying to get back into their good books. Their problem has nothing to do with you. An unreliable relative or roommate could try your patience and it will take all your willpower not to throttle them.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

ANY chances you might have to venture out and explore could be thwarted by mundane routine responsibilities. You need to finish a boring chore that has been sitting on your desk for weeks. Although you loathe this sort of work, it needs to be done and done properly.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

ALTHOUGH you long for peace and quiet you may not get much of it this week. Neighbours and relatives have an annoying way of calling at the most awkward times. If you want to avoid trouble, return phone calls and emails as soon as possible or you'll keep getting nagged.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

GETTING a direct answer out of an official will be a challenge because they'll want to dodge the issue. If you do exactly what they say and fail, you'll look incompetent instead of them. Avoid trouble by asking for all directives to be put in writing, then you can refer back to this.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

SOMEONE will be weighing you down with nagging criticisms and although you're eager to improve, you can't learn under these circumstances. Find a more tolerant guide or mentor. Upsetting news from a neighbour or relative makes you want to dive into the shadows.

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CHANGELING (15)



Changeling tells the story of single mum Christine, who arrives home one day to find her son Walter has disappeared. After months fearing the worst, Captain JJ Jones of the LAPD claims to have found Walter. It's a case of mistaken identity but in order to avoid a media maelstrom Jones forces Christine to lie.

FOUR CHRISTMASES (12A)



Be prepared for a crazy Christmas. Reese Witherspoon and Vince Vaughan star as a couple whose plans for an exotic Christmas are thrown into disarray when the airport becomes fog-bound. Instead, they find themselves forced to attend four separate family celebrations on the same day.

Thundering to the top

BY ELLIE GENOWER

PEOPLE always expect Ben Stiller to be funny.

It's not surprising, given he's made a career out of a string of hilarious characters; from the over-the-top vanity of male model Derek in *Zoolander* to his recent turn as an actor desperate to be taken seriously in *Tropic Thunder*.

As one of the most successful and esteemed comic actors in Hollywood, he isn't always able to hide his star power – even in the most unusual situations.

"I've had somebody ask for an autograph at a funeral," he admits, wryly. "That might not be appropriate. I gave it to them. I don't want to lose a fan. It was a family person who was closer to the deceased than I was, so I didn't want to rain on their parade even more."

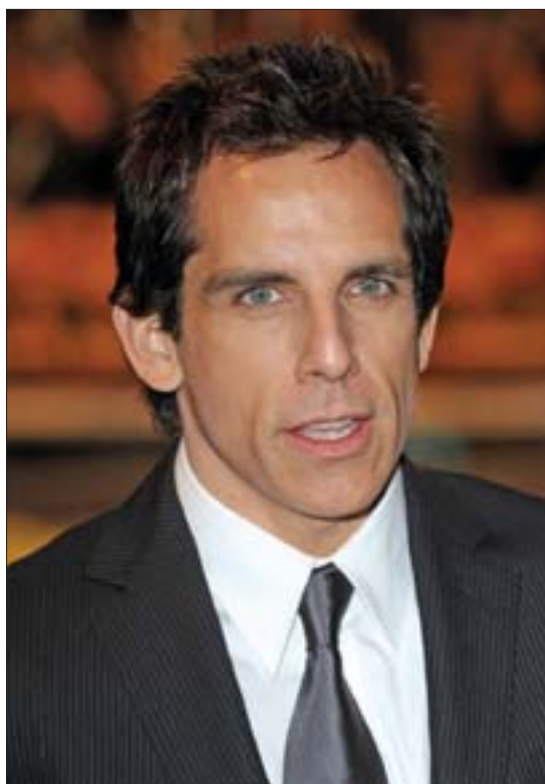
"There is some expectation, I guess, to always be funny, but it's more how you take it in yourself, like whether you care about that or not," he adds.

"You go on a talk show and people want to laugh. They want to see the funny guy be funny. But in life, I don't feel any sort of pressure to have to do that. When you're living your life you want to relax a little bit. Enjoy the funeral – you know what I mean?"

Ben has plenty of reasons to enjoy life as he approaches his 43rd birthday.

Tropic Thunder, which he co-wrote and directed, did brisk business at the US box office, knocking the phenomenally successful Batman film *The Dark Knight* off the top spot.

And his latest movie, *Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa*, the sequel to the 2005 hit animated film, in which he voices Alex the



LIVING LIFE: Ben Stiller doesn't feel the need to be the funny man all the time

lion, also made number one in the American movie charts.

"It wasn't hard to decide to do the sequel because the first one was so much fun," Ben says.

"So with the second one, once you've done it and you understand what the process is, it actually makes it a bit more fun because you understand that

there's actually going to be a movie at the end of it. The first time we always wondered if they were making a movie because it went on for so long and we didn't see anything."

Animated films of this calibre take years to make, and can be a tricky task for actors.

The stars usually have to voice

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their parts alone in a studio vocal booth, which was the case for Ben's co-stars David Schwimmer (Melman), Jada Pinkett Smith (Gloria) and Will.i.am (Moto Moto).

Ben was lucky enough to be paired up with Chris Rock (Marty) for many of his scenes.

"It's a strange process because you're alone in the room a lot of the time," he admits.

"Sometimes there's another actor there. If it's not Chris, there's somebody else there to read the lines with you. And that's really helpful."

"It's always funny to see the guy they get to read Chris's lines. They're nothing like him. And I find humour in that. It makes me laugh which is good for the energy."

But whether Ben continues to just star in comedies or turn, like Robin Williams or Jim Carrey, to more dramatic roles, people will always expect him to provide the laughs.

"It's important to do whatever interests you and I've always been interested in different kinds of things."



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Rocky Mountain adventure

BY ANDY WELCH

TELL anyone you're going to Colorado on holiday and chances are they'll ask if you're going skiing.

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But that doesn't mean a holiday in Colorado has to begin and end with pistes, ploughs and powder. There's a lot, lot more to the place than that.

Denver, which is celebrating the 150th anniversary of its founding this year, is Colorado's state capital, and also one of the most isolated cities in North America. Indeed, you have to travel about 500 miles in any direction to find another metropolis. As a result, Mile High City has an incredible air of independence, demonstrated by the huge number of privately-owned businesses and shops on every street.

Yes, there are the typical chain stores and malls you expect to find in any American city, but there are countless book, record and clothes stores, and great restaurants, which all give a unique flavour of the place, not to mention the relaxed, liberal-minded people.

Before getting into the ins and outs of Denver, however, a word of caution. Because of the city's altitude – it's not called Mile High City for nothing – the air tends to be very thin, which can lead to mild headaches and nausea.

Thankfully, it's easy to solve. Just drink plenty of water to stay hydrated, and take it easy when you arrive to acclimatise properly.

Strangely, for a landlocked city hundreds of miles from the coast, the seafood on offer in Denver is great, but most eateries in the city have bison burger or steak on the menu.



GO WEST: The Royal Gorge suspension bridge is one of Colorado's many incredible sights in the heart of America

Hotel-wise, Denver has a lot to offer too, from budget apartments, right up to our luxurious boutique Teatro. The modern hotel is so welcoming you might not want to leave. But when you do tear yourself away, it's easy to get around on foot as the Teatro's situated in the heart of Denver, on 14th Street.

If you don't want to walk, the hotel has a great car service that'll drop you off and collect you from anywhere in the city for free.

About an hour north of Denver lies the second-largest city in the state, Colorado Springs.

While it's easy enough to take a day trip here from Denver, to fully appreciate Colorado Springs it's well worth finding a hotel in the city. There are many to choose from, but for a bit of scenic luxury, splash out and stay at the

Cheyenne Mountain Resort, which has amazing chalet-like rooms, all of which have balconies facing out onto the most stunning views of the Cheyenne mountain.

On the way down from Colorado Springs, there are a number of places worth a stop, including Manitou, a small town full of arts and crafts stores, and if you find yourself anywhere near Golden, west of Denver, pay a visit to the grave of William Cody, aka Buffalo Bill.

The famous showman is buried on a spot overlooking the Great Plains and the museum there gives a fascinating insight into one of showbusiness's first great entrepreneurs, and a man who loved Colorado deeply. After sampling the state, you'll understand exactly how he felt.

FACT FILE: COLORADO

Time difference	UK minus 7 hrs
State capital	Denver
Population	4.8 million
Language	English
Climate	Semi-arid
Religion	Christian
Currency	Dollar (\$1.5 approx to £1)



Travel details

Andy Welch flew to Denver as a guest of the Colorado Tourism Office and United Airlines. From Heathrow, United Airlines offers one-stop services into Denver via Chicago, Washington DC, San Francisco and Los Angeles. United Airlines flights information: 0845 444 777 or www.unitedairlines.co.uk

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Blue savings give the seven-seat sector a lift

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The result is a combined fuel economy figure of 52.3mpg for the Touran BlueMotion and 47.1mpg for the Sharan BlueMotion.



Mini is a design classic

THE Mini has cemented its position as a style icon with a place in London's Design Museum.

A unique example of the reborn BMW version has gone on display, with exterior artwork designed by legendary artist, illustrator and graphic designer Alan Aldridge.

The installation, entitled The Man with Kaleidoscope Eyes is part of a design exhibition by the celebrated artist who illustrated lyric books for the Beatles, album covers for The Rolling Stones, The Who and Elton John, was art director for Penguin Books and illustrated much-loved children's books such as The Butterfly Ball.

The piece was inspired by a similar example Aldridge produced in 1965 using the original BMC Mini, which celebrates its 50th birthday in 2009.

BBC's star trio ready to select Top Gear again

TOP Gear star Jeremy Clarkson is thought to have renewed his contract and become one of the BBC's highest-paid presenters.

Co-stars Richard Hammond and James May also agreed new deals.

The car show continues to secure high viewing figures as well as court controversy: Top Gear was rapped by the BBC Trust this summer for showing Clarkson and May sipping gin and tonics during their attempt to become the first people to drive a car to the magnetic North Pole.

The show formula has also been exported successfully to Australia while a Russian version is also mooted.



LEAN MACHINE: Mitsubishi's Lancer is slightly bigger inside and out compared with its Ford Focus-class rivals – it has an impressive interior and good road grip and balance

New Lancer more suited to UK than 'land of the Lada'

RUSSIANS loved the previous Mitsubishi Lancer.

The promise of rugged reliability was always likely to endear it to former Lada owners, but even a bargain price and much spec failed to convince many UK buyers.

Cue this year's all-new Lancer. Prices plus specifications are still aggressive, but there is far more to please the fussier British market and a narrower gap between mainstream models and the manically turbocharged, all-wheel drive, raw meat eating £28k Evo road-going rally version.

A 237bhp Ralliart performance flagship for the 'standard range' is also on the way, likely to cost around £20,000.

For now you can max out on GS4 versions, with uprated sports chassis, Evo-style 18-inch alloys, body kit and big boot spoiler – the model tested here in £18,499 2.0-litre diesel form.

First impressions are good; the new Lancer's frowning 'beetle brow' front end sets the tone for a more angular and muscular style than its predecessor – more Evo than zero.

It is also slightly bigger inside and out than Ford Focus-class rivals, which makes the

ROAD TEST MITSUBISHI LANCER

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

saloon version more attractive to many would-be buyers, though the five-door hatch or 'Sportback' should nab 60 per cent of sales and an estate is also expected.

The interior is impressive, showing influence from the bigger Outlander SUV, with a neat and functional dash and softer touch materials even if door trimming shows signs of old-style 'Mitsi'.

In GS4 form it walks the talk too, with good grip and balance and decent feedback through the wheel, though the heavier diesel engine can make it yaw a little under pressure.

The 138bhp Volkswagen-supplied unit also packs the kind of punch that the Lancer's lines suggest – making it the fastest of the standard range until the Ralliart arrives.

However, Mitsubishi needs to do more on the NVH (noise, vibration and harshness) front, so check out the 1.8 petrol version if you prefer more refinement at the cost of a bit more fuel.

The diesel version does settle nicely at cruising speeds though and makes this new Lancer a good budget performance model for our cash-strapped times.

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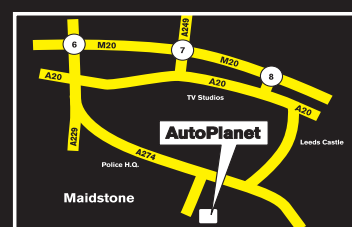
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STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

AUDI A6



UNTIL the current A6 range, Audi's 'management motor' struggled to match its German rivals for style and image, though fit and finish was beyond reproach. However, examples built before the current 2004 line-up (pictured) can still be incredible bargains. Unless you buy the more expensive quattro versions though, an A6 means front-wheel drive – not everyone's preference. Ride and comfort also tends towards hard and 'sporting', but the A6 has excellent powerplants, particularly diesels.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

BMW 5-SERIES



BMW and its charismatic badge enjoy the most aspirational image with buyers and much credit goes to the 5-Series – a big car yet famed for its handling. The previous (pre-2003 – pictured) incarnation laid the foundations for that and many people still prefer its reserved styling to the 'new age Beemer' looks of its successor. The 5-Series also boasts some excellent engines, including diesels, though underpowered four-cylinder petrol models are best avoided.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
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C2, 1.4i VTR 3dr, 1.4i vtr 3dr hatch, sport red, 1000 miles, £3995, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

FIAT

COUPE, 2.0 16V, 1995, red, 72451 miles, £1995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, wr07tyc, blue, 5810 miles, £28495, Thames Group Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

FORD

FIESTA, 1.8 DIESEL VAN, 1997 (p), 97 (9) ford fiesta 1.8 courier diesel van, 3 door hatch, diamond white coachwork with grey cloth trim, 120000 miles, recent service, new mot, air bag, original hi-fi, bargain diesel van at £595, white, only £395, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

MONDEO, 2.0 LX Automatic, 2004, state blue, 24554 miles, £5995, CB Motors, Tonterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

HONDA

CIVIC, SE 5dr, 949461, cloth upholstery, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric windows, aircon, cd player, stereo, central locking, immobiliser, folding rear seats, child locks, twin air bags, electric mirrors, metallic red, 39000 miles, £3490, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

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ACCENT, 1.6 3dr, g552ymp, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, stereo, aluminium silver, 60000 miles, £2699, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

MATRIX, GSI, dy08tyr, alloy wheels, true blue, 1600 miles, £7995, Automatically Ray Morris (Bexleyheath), Bexleyheath, 01322 524 680 (TRADE)

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TROOPER, CITATION 3.5 v6 LWB, 1999 4x4 Isuzu trooper citation 3.5 v6 lwb auto, 5 door, stunning met green coachwork with contrasting velour trim, service history, new mot, full electric pack, remote central locking, alarm, air con, electric windows 4, electric & folding mirrors, twin air bags, 2 & 4 wheel drive, alloy wheels, cd hi-fi, tow bar and much more, never taken off road, stunning condition, only £4995 now only £3995, metallic green, 93000 miles, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

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KIA

CEED, 1.6 LS CRDI SW Diesel, abs alarm alloy wheels central locking drivers airbag front electric windows immobiliser power steering passenger airbag side airbags remote central locking body coloured bumper folding rear seats front fog lights roof rails, silver, 5600 miles, £12995, Masters Bromley Kia, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

MAZDA

323, GT 5dr, 774461, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, pas, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, stereo, 15" alloys, aluminium silver, 87000 miles, £1999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

MINI

COOPER, 1.6 3dr Manual ** TWIN SUNROOFS**, adjustable seats, alloy wheels, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cassette, side airbags, rear headrests, insurance group 8, black, 33133 miles, £6990, SMC Ford Crayford, Crayford, 01322 621667 (TRADE)

MITSUBISHI

COLT, 1.5 SPORT, 2004, black, miles, £6995, Masters Mitsubishi Bromley, Beckenham, 0208 6587122 (TRADE)

OUTLANDER, II 2.0 Di-DC Elegance 5dr, v58bhi, 50 miles, £24999, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

NISSAN

ALMERA, 1.8 SE 5dr Auto (2002 - 2005), 27/09/2005, cd player abs driver airbag power steering electric windows, blue, 46065 miles, £5000, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

MICRA, ASENTA PLUS 5dr, 4767314, alloys, black, 1000 miles, £3995, Automatically Ray Morris (Welling), Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

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206, 1.4 VERVE 5dr, 30/03/2006, abs, black, 16500 miles, £6250, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

RENAULT

CLIO, PRIVILEGE, feb 06, 5 doors, automatic, hatchback, petrol, 13, 075 miles, metallic grey, 2 owners, 3x3 point rear seat belts, abs, air conditioning, alloy wheels, audio remote control, body coloured bumpers, cloth seat trim, climate control, cruise control, drivers airbag, electricdoor mirrors, folding rear seats, front electric windows, front head restraints, full size spare wheel, heated door mirrors, height adjustable drivers seat, immobiliser, lumbar child seat anchor points, isofix support, pas, passenger airbag, radio/cd, rear electric windows, rear wiper, remote central locking, service indicator, side airbags, steering wheel rake adjustment, computer full service Renault history (last service 27/10/09), 2 months tax, insurance group 6, gpe, £7250, KENT, 01843585186 (PRIVATE)

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GOLF, 2.8 vr6, 1998, black, 93000 miles, £2500, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

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FULL TIME SCHOOL SECRETARY

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Kent Pay Scheme Band 5
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For details please contact: **Miss Baxter**
Sellindge Primary School,
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Tel: 01303-812073
Email: headteacher@sellindge-ashford.kent.sch.uk

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Dover, Kent CT16 2QB

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For more information and an application form please contact:
Miss S Spratley, Pent Valley Technology College,
Surrenden Road, Folkestone, Kent. CT19 4ED.
Email: samantha.spratley@pent-valley.kent.sch.uk
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For an informal chat about the role or about the charity in general
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county, commissioned by Kent Drug & Alcohol Action Team. We need someone to
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as well as help develop good working relationships with the Local Children's Services
Partnerships and raise the profile of our services. You will also work with our internal training
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You will need a thorough knowledge of substance misuse issues in relation to young
people and a good understanding of the service framework within which we work in
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An application form and job description can be obtained from
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Alternatively, you can write to KCA (UK), Dan House, 44 East Street, Faversham, Kent
ME13 8AT or call: 01795 590635. Please quote reference 534.

Closing date: 19 December 2008.
Interview date: 9 January 2009.

KCA (UK) is committed to the principles of equality of opportunity for all and welcomes applications from
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For an informal discussion on these positions, please call: **Ken Pullen** on 07725 128641

Closing Date 10th December 2008

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SELECTION OF CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

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Job Title: Project Team Co-Ordinator

Salary: £17,316 - £20,818 pa
Band: 4
Hours: 37.5
Location: Trinity House, Ashford
Ref: 767-ECC687
Closing date: 15/12/08

Job Title: Clerical Assistant

Salary: £12,922 - £15,950 pa
Band: 2
Hours: 37.5
Location: Whitstable
Ref: 767-EIC649
Closing date: 18/12/08

NURSING AND MIDWIFERY REGISTERED

Job Title: Community Staff Nurse

Salary: £20,225 - £26,123 pa
Band: 5
Hours: 20
Location: Sevington, Ashford
Ref: 767-ASH243
Closing date: 15/12/08

Job Title: Lead Nurse, Infection Prevention and Control

Salary: £37,106 - £44,527 pa
Band: 8a
Hours: 37.5
Location: Whitstable
Ref: 767-EIC652
Closing date: 17/12/08

Job Title: Bladder and Bowel Specialist Nurse

Salary: £29,091 - £38,352 pa
Band: 7
Hours: 37.5
Location: Tankerton
Ref: 767-EIC668
Closing date: 18/12/08

Job Title: Inflammatory Bowel Disease Specialist Nurse X3

Salary: £29,091 - £38,352 pa
Band: 7
Hours: 37.5
Location: Whitstable
Ref: 767-EIC669
Closing date: 18/12/08

Job Title: Specialist Respiratory Nurse

Salary: £29,091 - £38,352 pa
Band: 7
Hours: 37.5
Location: Dover
Ref: 767-EIC667
Closing date: 18/12/08

Job Title: Intermediate Care Support Nurse

Salary: £24,103 - £32,653 pa
Band: 6
Hours: 37.5
Location: Canterbury/Herne Bay/Swale
Ref: 767-EIC650
Closing date: 18/12/08

Job Title: Specialist Epilepsy Nurse

Salary: £29,091 - £38,352 pa
Band: 7
Hours: 37.5
Location: Tankerton
Ref: 767-EIC672
Closing date: 18/12/08

Job Title: Respiratory Nurse

Salary: £24,103 - £32,653 pa
Band: 6
Hours: 20
Location: Dover Health Centre
Ref: 767-EIC666
Closing date: 18/12/08

ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

Job Title: Speech & Language Therapist (Schools Team & Early Years)

Salary: £20,225 - £26,123 pa
Band: 5
Hours: 37.5
Location: Whitstable, Kent
Ref: 767-ECC639
Closing date: 16/12/08

Job Title: Speech & Language Therapist (Language Unit & Early Years)

Salary: £20,225 - £26,123 pa
Band: 5
Hours: 37.5
Location: Laleham Gap School & Canterbury Health Centre, Margate
Ref: 767-ECC638
Closing date: 16/12/08

Job Title: Specialist Speech & Language Therapist (Thanet Schools Team)

Salary: £24,103 - £32,653 pa
Band: 6
Hours: 37.5
Location: Margate, Kent
Ref: 767-ECC635
Closing date: 16/12/08

Job Title: Specialist Speech & Language Therapist (Schools Team)

Salary: £24,103 - £32,653 pa
Band: 6
Hours: 37.5
Location: Margate, Kent
Ref: 767-ECC634
Closing date: 16/12/08

ADDITIONAL CLINICAL SERVICES

Job Title: Healthcare Assistant

Salary: £12,922 - £15,950 pa
Band: 2
Hours: 20
Location: Sevington, Ashford
Ref: 767-ASH244
Closing date: 15/12/08

Job Title: Head of Infection Prevention & Control

Salary: £43,221 - £53,432 pa
Band: 8b
Hours: 37.5
Location: Whitstable
Ref: 767-EIC653
Closing date: 17/12/08

Job Title: Head of Bladder and Bowel Specialist Team

Salary: £37,106 - £44,527 pa
Band: 8a
Hours: 37.5
Location: Tankerton
Ref: 767-EIC670
Closing date: 18/12/08

Career Opportunities



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Lecturer Mechanical Engineering	06/59
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Lecturer HE Building Surveying	07/28
9.25 hours per week, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 pro rata per annum	
Lecturer Key Skills ICT - Health & Social Care	02/52
18.5 hours per week, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 pro rata per annum	
Lecturer Key Skills - Building Services	06/175
18.5 hours per week, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 pro rata per annum	
Lecturer Key Skills - Automotive Engineering	07/30
37 hours per week, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 per annum	
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Various hours available, salary starting £16,914 pro rata per annum	
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Trainer Demonstrator - Wood Occupations	04/148
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37 hrs per week, salary starting £15,085 per annum	
Curriculum Support Assistant - Engineering & Construction	08/148
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Curriculum Support Assistant - Health, Public Services and Care	08/131
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Learning Resources Assistant	LRCA1
37 hrs per week, salary starting £15,085 per annum	
Pre 16 Learning Support	07/67
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Name of Premises: **The Royal Hotel, Beach Street, Deal**

Applicant: **Sara Smith**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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Single mum, 37, fun-loving, been hurt in past, looking for nice, genuine guy for hopeful happiness - no time wasters! Box 390553

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Loving female, 36, 5'4", brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666

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Bubbly, cuddly, blonde single mum, 38, 5'6", likes cars, reading, pubs, cosy nights in, having a laugh, looking for that right male for LTR. Box 905614

ANIMAL LOVER?
Nurse, 37yrs, 2 kids, 5ft8, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes the gym, cooking, swimming, salsa dancing, looking for a kind, caring, loyal male Box 431557

COOK UP A STORM
Turbidge Wells lady, brown hair/eyes, 38, I'm a teacher and love theatre, reading, cinema, swimming, travel. Looking for like minded chap for happy times. Box 444923

THIS STATE OF INDEPENDENCE
Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156

YOU NEVER KNOW
Kind, loving and caring mum, 43, 5ft5, round but cuddly! Just looking for someone to share my life with... how about you? St. Leonards-on-Sea. Box 446457

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS
Laid-back single mum, very bubbly, outgoing and intelligent, 43, enjoys social life, drinks, meals, cinema, looking to start afresh with someone new, easygoing and life-loving. Box 446102

INTERESTED? GIVE ME A CALL
Homely traditional lady, 44, 5ft8, slim-medium build, non-smoker, love life, animals, my dog, walks along the harbour, country pubs, WLTW similar gent for romance. Box 446277

GENUINE REPLIES ONLY
Bubbly female, 44, brunette, N/S, medium-large build, enjoys singing and theatre. Would love to meet a decent fun-loving guy, similar age, pref non-smoker for LTR. Box 445955

LOVING, CARING & HONEST
Hard working single mum, young 44yr old, 5ft5, medium build, enjoys dining out, holidays, cinema and walks, WLTW a caring and genuine male for friendship/relationship. Box 444751

DEAL OR NO DEAL? (IN DEAL)
Deal-based lady, 43, divorced, brunette, green eyes, 5ft10, likes going out, pubs, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all sports except cricket. Box 430384

COULD IT BE YOU?
Hi I'm 44, slim, 5ft4, a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more. Box 865900

MAKE ME LAUGH!
Fun extrovert person, 45, likes cinema-movie, food, meals, socialising, 5ft7, dark brown hair/eyes, curvy, seeking nice guy to start off as friends. Box 424905

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?
Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes travelling, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 444366

HAPPY GO LUCKY
Sincere, happy woman, with GSOH. I'm 5ft6, with short brown hair, brown eyes. I have lots of interests and WLTW similar guy. Box 895919

SWEET THINGS
Single, young looking 49yr old lady, blonde hair, blue eyes. I love nights out and evenings in. Box 986940

BORN TO MAKE YOU HAPPY
Caring lovely lady, 42, genuine, short brown hair, lacks confidence! seeking loyal, genuine person, someone special to put the spark back into my life. Box 885761

LETS CLICK
WLTW a nice guy with a similar nature! I'm an outgoing woman, 42, with brown hair and green eyes. Tell me about you! Box 446847

FAIRY TALE ENDING
Good-looking slim blonde, 42, tired of kissing frogs, seeking an intelligent, solvent professional male to be my prince. Box 446521

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DIG DEEPER
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COMPANIONSHIP, LAUGHTER, MORE
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Gorgeous slim attractive young-looking female, 54, active, lively SOH, 5ft5, blue eyes, sociable, loves music, dancing, travelling; seeking warm, sincere man for genuine companionship. Box 446634

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FRIENDSHIP, MAYBE MORE
Curvy bi female, 32, seeks like-minded woman, for friendship, hopefully more. Single mum, work part time. Box 886142

LOVELY JO
Young-looking attractive female, 54, N/S, friendly and sociable, love music, dance and history, warm and sparkly. WLTW a genuine female for a close female friendship. Box 445146

MEN seeking women

MADE TO MATCH?
Updated lively male, 6ft3, medium build, shot dark hair, 22, likes rugby, football, family, friends, socialising, seeking female to enjoy cosy nights and more. Box 446876

FUN FIRST...
Tall guy with dark eyes, short hair, dark skin, 29, single dad, honest, just looking for some fun and maybe more with the right girl. Box 446823

HI THERE GIRLS!
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CAN YOU KEEP UP?
Very sporty male, 33, 6ft2, muscular, brown hair, 5ft10, looking for a nice female, to relax and have fun with, perhaps more. Box 444221

HOPING TO BE HAPPY TOGETHER
Decent nice guy, 33, 6ft2, large build, enjoys drinks, films, socialising, looking for a female 35-45, likes unimportant/personally essential! Hastings. Box 446186

EVERY HEARTBEAT
Fast-thinking 36yr old male looking to meet a female for fun and friendship, hopefully a LTR. Likes the normal things in life, many interests. Box 446860

EVERYTHING I DO
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R U A ME?
Down-to-earth, loyal guy, 36, looking for companionship, leading to a long-term relationship. Enjoys meals out, company, conversation, cosy evenings in. Box 914917

KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOUR
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FUN-LOVING & LONG LASTING
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ALWAYS YOURS
Pleasant male, 39, 6ft tall, medium build, brown hair, enjoys rock music and socialising. WLTW a mature lady for a fun friendship, maybe romance later. Box 441326

HONEST, SINCERE, OUTGOING
Male, 39, 5ft7, slim, brown hair, 5ft10, really looking for that special lady to make me happy in life, dine with, drink with and more. Box 446903

LOVE ON THE DANCEFLOOR
Outgoing young-minded male, 47, a smoker, likes war games, books, cinema, castles, POP, seeking similar woman to boogie on the dancefloor with. Box 443750

PUT THAT SPARK BACK INTO MY LIFE
Virgo male, 40, 5ft7, stocky build, kind, loving, fine, enjoys the cinema, meals out, walks on beaches, WLTW like-minded person to chat. Box 446812

THE WRITING'S ON THE WALL
Attractive mixed race male, 41, 5ft7, likes chatting and music. Looking for a feminine female under 44, in Swale, Medway boroughs. Box 884332

WANTS TO COOK FOR TWO
Single male, 43, no lies, very genuine, slim, 6ft4, brown hair, green eyes, loves sport and soul music, WLTW a female to date. Box 445760

WARM-HEARTED
Single friendly guy, genuine, honest, very affectionate, 43, 6ft4, slim, short brown hair, green eyes, WLTW affectionate lady for genuine relationship. Box 446872

JOIN THE ROUND TABLE
Single dad, 43, blond, blue eyes, 6ft1, loves his kids, charity work, meals in/out, travelling, great SOH, laid-back, seeking similar easygoing lady to love. Box 446791

DAD'S THE WORD
Loneley single male, 44, 6ft2, fair hair, great SOH, quite happy but looking for a lady 30-50 to have fun with and hopefully something else. Box 446452

ILL MAKE YOU LAUGH
Very romantic, caring and loyal male, slim, blue eyes, fair hair, great SOH, seeks female with similar interests for hopeful LTR. Hastings area. Box 446120

BEEN HURT IN THE PAST
Genuine, honest, hardworking lorry driver, mid 40s, not your average as I still love to enjoy life, see new places & meet interesting people! Box 445492

FEEL THE MAGIC
Slim male, 42, looking for a 37-47yr old lady, for friendship, hopefully developing to more. Gillingham area. Box 446452

A FINE ROMANCE
Easygoing, attractive, affectionate man, 44, 5ft11, enjoys cinema, cosy nights in, music, seeking an attractive lady for friendship/relationship. Box 446272

YOUNG AT HEART
Dependable, easygoing guy, I love animals, good food, music, films, good conversation, country pubs. I'm 45, with blue eyes. Box 446761

HAPPY TOGETHER
White male, 46, 5ft7, easygoing, N/S, loves a laugh, enjoys theme parks/cenotromantic walks, WLTW female to be happy with. Tammy please call again! lost number. Box 444339

SHARE THE GOOD LIFE
Professional male, 45, own home/car, likes cinema, weekends away, the coast, a BBQ and good wine, looking for friendship, hopefully more. Box 428602

WHY WAIT?
Clean, honest, happy male, 45, stocky build, 5ft07, smoker, single dad, blue eyes, looking for friendship/companionship, leading to a LTR. Hastings. Box 439782

GENUINE & SINCERE
Hard-working male, 47, slim, not bad-looking 5ft8, into most things...sports, pubs/meals, socialising, walks, travel... WLTW slim, honest, loyal, attractive girl with great SOH, for hopeful LTR. Box 444244

YOU FOR ME & ME FOR YOU...
Thoughtful, caring, divorced male, 47, athletic/muscular, black hair, enjoys concerts, walks on the beach and eating out, WLTW lady with similar characteristics for LTR. Eastbourne. Box 441719

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OUTGOING
Easygoing male, 47, 5'8", slim, likes country pubs, staying in, going out, seeks laid back female, for friendship and more. Box 377555

IN TIME
Outgoing young-minded male, 50, 5ft5, slim, many interests, a bit shy but hopefully looking to meet a nice lady to get to know. Box 446896

QUIET LIFE
Seeking female company. I enjoy films, walking, popping down the rugby club, quiet drinks etc. I'm male, 5ft tall, fair hair/blue eyes. Box 446778

CONSIDER THIS
Professional male, 50s, tall, slim, N/S, likes live music, eating in and out, walking, WLTW nice female, N/S, to share interests together. Sittingbourne Box 189556

MY ONLY WISH THIS CHRISTMAS
Young looking man, 55, 5ft8, slim, looking for a lady, 50-60, for fun, friendship, maybe a LTR. I enjoy cooking, cinema, and much more... Box 446905

A CLASSIC CASE
Respectable gentleman, 57, 5ft11, medium build, no beer belly, clean shaven! Likes classic cars, meals out, walks, WLTW nice lady to share time with. Box 446758

100% GENTLEMAN
Hurt in the past, I'm a young looking, 58yr old, guy, Bechill-on-sea. I like travel, animals, cooking. I'm a smoker, and looking for a sincere woman. Box 446905

NICE TO MEET YOU
Tall, slim, non-smoking male, Kent area, I'm 58, and enjoy playing the piano, walking, eating out. WLTW nice, non-smoking lady with similar interests. Box 446794

CONSIDER THIS
Professional male, 50s, likes live music, eating in and out, WLTW slim female, to share interests together. Sittingbourne Box 153535

TAKING OUR TIME
Homely gent, 65, fit, non-smoker, likes gardening, fishing, antiques, seeks attractive, slim, carefree lady 50-65ish for company to pubs, walks, and more in time. Eastbourne. Box 446454

Men seeking men

RYE HERE, RYE NOW!
42yr old male, blue eyes, shaved head, enjoys eating out, socialising, art and theatre. WLTW a male, 35-50, for fun, possible more. Rye. Box 441465

OFF THE BEATEN TRACK
Fit and active 55yr old, gay male, attractive, clean shaven, brown hair, no scene, WLTW slim guy, 40-45, who's up for fun. Box 446856

SINCERE CHAP
Young looking, 58yr old guy, I like travel, animals, cooking. I'm a smoker, and looking for a sincere man, a friend, and maybe more. Bechill-on-sea. Box 446778

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SMILES

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SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

Lively female, 26, 5ft2, brown hair, green eyes, size 10, single mum, enjoys most things, seeks genuine, laid-back guy for fun, friendship and more. Box 428555

SNUGGLE UP

Tall, attractive, good hearted African female, 28yr old, enjoys films, good food and cuddles, WLTW a white male for friendship and romance. Box 441654

NO TIMEWASTERS!

Easygoing female, 32, enjoys shopping, football, eating out, cosy night in, WLTW loving, caring white male 35-47 for long term loving relationship. Box 444214

CUDDLY FEMALE

32, 5ft9, brown hair, curvy figure, enjoys having fun and a laugh, and WLTW nice, kind gent. Box 394902

ATTENTION! TALL WHITE GUY REQUIRED

Pretty black female, 32, tall, loves watching football, shopping, travel, seeking tall, white, loving male, 34-47, for LTR. Chatham. Box 347778

CHANGE OF SCENERY

31yr old bubbly, fun-loving female, like reading, cinema, looking for tall, dark and handsome male, GSOH, for happy times. Brighton Box 438057

TAKE ME OUT

Single Mum, 32, cuddly larger lady, 5ft8, dark brown hair, seeking someone to have fun, a dance, some drinks, meals and more with. Box 438941

LOVE TO LOVE YOU

Lovely female, 36, 5ft4, medium-large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 348102



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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Concrete commitment as Brett signs up to charter

BRETT Landscaping and Building Products has signed up to a sustainability charter which lays down commitments designed to improve the Medway-based company's sustainability performance and profile.

It is organised by the British Precast Concrete Federation.

Commitments include developing products that improve the quality of the built environment, minimising waste disposal to landfill, cutting pollution and emissions linked to production and transportation, using energy more efficiently and reducing businesses carbon footprints.

Campuses combine for third sector research

KENT University has links with the University of Birmingham's new Third Sector Research Centre.

Its aim is to conduct research and analysis into the so-called third sector – organisations such as charities, social enterprises and small community organisations.

Birmingham is working in partnership with the University of Southampton and the centre is funded by the Economic and Social Research Council, Office of the Third Sector and the Barrow Cadbury Trust.

The world-class centre will receive a total joint investment of £10.25 million over the next five years.

Extras effort results in travel awards triumph

HOLIDAY Extras, a UK market leader for airport parking and hotels based in east Kent, came away victorious from the British Travel Awards 2008 with the award for Best Airport Parking Company.

The prestigious awards were hosted by comedian Frankie Boyle in London and David Stratton, head of sales, picked up the award.

"The competition this year was extremely tough," he said. "But there can be no better reward for the hard work of everyone involved."

Paperwork pitfalls in booming market

■ BY TOM BETTS



KEY ADVICE: Solicitor Annabel Pullan of Gullands law firm is advising landlords to be careful

RENTED property is a booming market these days for obvious reasons – but a warning has gone out to landlords that they shouldn't jump in too quick before the paperwork is sorted out.

Annabel Pullan, a solicitor at law firm Gullands, based at Maidstone but covering the whole of the county, said landlords keen not to lose out should be wary of allowing tenants to go in before everything is legal.

Landlords may come under a lot of pressure from prospective tenants to go into premises before all the papers have been processed. But there's a risk that tenants will be in there on uncertain terms and disputes could flare up which would be expensive in time and money to resolve.

Ms Pullan said: "Problems that can arise in such a situation apply equally where a landlord enters into protracted negotiations for a lease and continues to allow the occupier to remain in occupation and pay rent without completing the lease.

"Also, they may arise where a landlord allows an occupier to remain in occupation where the lease has not been formally assigned to that person."

She said potential problems were illustrated by a recent case – technically (if you want to look it up), *Manton Securities Limited v Nazam* [2008] EWCA Civ 805 – where the landlord did not take action following an unlawful, informal assignment of a lease.

The landlord allowed the occupier to remain in occupation paying rent, tolerated late payment of rent and even continued with protracted negotiations for a new lease.

"In such a situation there are a number of options available to a landlord, but in this case a court order was made obliging the landlord to grant a lease for a term of 21 years to a tenant with a poor record of paying rent on time and with whom the landlord has fallen out.

"The landlord had also paid substantial sums in costs and legal fees. This situation could have been avoided by the landlord taking firm action at the outset and others placed in this situation should take note."

Meantime, thousands of landlords and letting agents have signed up on a new comprehensive website for them, and tenants and prospective renters might also find it useful to check out. It's www.riky.co.uk and is full of advice and information, whether initial queries or detailed help. There's even some help with how to approach advertising.

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NARROW DEFEAT: Despite solid defending, Dover ended their weekend clash against Gravesend empty-handed and slipped to seventh in London 2 South

Last-gasp try sinks Sharks

RUGBY

Dover 7 Gravesend 8

A TRY in the final minute of the game saw Dover snatch defeat from the jaws of victory in a hard-fought encounter against Gravesend.

Although the away team had the benefit of the slope in the first half, it was the hosts who had the better of the first 40 minutes.

Dover welcomed back Ricky Mackintosh from a long-term injury and it wasn't long before they realised what they had been missing.

The Sharks created the first opportunity to score when Martyn Beaumont split Gravesend's defence, before passing to Jamie Phillips who was tackled close to the try line.

Gravesend responded well and were rewarded by a penalty on 26 minutes.

In the closing minute of the half the Sharks won their scrum on their 22-metre line and Mackintosh was let loose on the blind side. He raced some 60 metres before passing to Jamie Townley on the inside to score a great try. Beaumont added the conversion.

Unfortunately, the heroics of the first half were not repeated and Gravesend's improved performance finally paid dividends by the close of play.

Dover spent far too much time defending in their own half and once

again indiscipline and the loss of set pieces cost them dearly.

The home side had several good opportunities to put the game beyond doubt, with Mackintosh causing havoc, but Gravesend's defence held firm.

The remainder of the game was spent mostly in Dover's half, with Gravesend looking the more likely to score the deciding try.

Dover worked hard to stop the pressure but had two scrums turned over in succession in the final minute, with an overlap created on the blind for the winning try to be scored.

The Sharks will hope to bounce back when they travel to Thanet Wanderers on December 20.

Deal out of the cup after brave effort

DESPITE a narrow 1-0 victory against high-flying Holmesdale, Derek Hares' Deal Town bowed out of the Kent League Premier Division Cup.

With Holmesdale winning the first leg of the tie 2-0, Deal knew they had a tall order to reach the next round of the competition.

Town started well and took the lead on 56 minutes with a goal from Shane Suter, but they were unable to build on that to take the tie to extra time, ultimately crashing out of the cup.

Deal will face Holmesdale again this Saturday in the second round of the Kent Senior Trophy.

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Gillingham boss Mark Stimson admits the club's focus is on the league

D&B just fail to end rivals' winning run

DEAL & Betteshanger RFC missed the chance to move up to sixth in London South East 3 after a narrow defeat to front-runners Old Reigatons.

The Lions were in the game right up until the death and almost ended the Surrey's side run of five consecutive wins but missed out on victory by just two points in a 17-15 defeat.

Deal & Betteshanger will hope to carry their form on and return to winning ways when they travel to take on bottom of the league Lordswood on December 20.

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MISSED OPPORTUNITIES: Giuliano Grazioli (pictured left) had Dover's best chance but ultimately poor defending was their undoing in the 3-0 defeat away to Harrow

We got what we deserved, says Hess after shock defeat

FOOTBALL

BY TOM HOWARD

Harrow Borough 3

Shroot 4, 75 Clarke 41

Dover Athletic 0

POOR defending saw Dover Athletic slip to their heaviest defeat under the guidance of manager Andy Hessenthaler, but the Whites remain top of the Ryman Premier League after their rivals also dropped points.

A brace from Robin Shroot and strike from Dewayne Clarke secured the points for Harrow on a day where Dover took their foot off the pedal.

Hessenthaler was disappointed with the way his team defended, but rejected claims complacency had crept into the squad.

He said: "I am strict on that and make sure it never creeps in to the dressing room. We just didn't turn up. We got what we deserved. We did create chances but we lacked that cutting edge."

"We have been lucky with how the other results went. We have been let off lightly. You are always going to lose games."

"It is difficult to win every game but the way we lost was not acceptable and disappointing."

Obviously people are going to say we missed Shaun Welford but I think even if he was there playing it wouldn't have made much of a difference because of our defensive display."

The Whites were behind with just four minutes on the clock. From a throw-in, Jamie Lawrence picked up the ball and found Shroot on the edge of the area and he made no mistake with his shot that crept into the corner.

Despite having plenty of possession, Dover failed to trouble the Harrow goalkeeper Andray Baptiste and three minutes before the break Hessenthaler's side were two down.

Dover starting XI



Subs used: Keister (Poulton 24), Bailey (Browning 58), Jones (Ball 72)

A lack of communication between Laurence Ball and goalkeeper John Whitehouse saw the defender head the ball over the goalkeeper to Harrow's Clarke, who slotted the ball into the net.

It did not get any better for the Whites in the second half as they went in search of way back into the game.

Giuliano Grazioli had two great chances and Harrow wrapped up the three points with Shroot's second goal of the game.

• Dover were in action against Harlow Town last night. For a full report log on to www.yourdover.co.uk.

Invicta almost take the wind out of Fleet sails

FOOTBALL

BY YOURSHEPWAY REPORTER

Folkestone Invicta 0

Fleet Town 0

JIMMY Dryden came within a whisker of giving Folkestone Invicta victory on Saturday, but the Seasiders had to settle for a point after the striker's shot hit an upright.

In a tight game, the 28-year-old came closest to opening the scoring when he burst through on 74 minutes, but he was denied a 15th goal of the season by the woodwork.

The lively goalless draw saw Invicta slip to seventh in the Ryman South, a point outside the play-off positions.

Recovered

Darren Smith's debut in the 2-1 midweek League Cup defeat to Tilbury was cut short by injury, but the former Chatham midfielder recovered in time to take his place in the starting line-up.

With Jimmy Jackson unavailable for the game, Joe Neilson made his first start since signing from Hythe and partnered Dryden up front.

After switching to the Ryman League from the Southern League this season, Fleet Town

Folkestone starting XI



Subs used: Byrne (Nelson 77)

have been the division's surprise package. The third highest goals haul had fired them into the top three going into the game.

The hosts enjoyed the best of the first half and had a strong claim for a penalty turned down in the second minute, when the ball appeared to hit a Fleet defender's arm.

They went on to create several good opportunities but each time they found goalkeeper Paul Smith in excellent form. The stopper denied Josh Vincent, Dryden and Darren Smith in the opening half hour.

Fleet took time to get into the game, but Charlie Mitten was called into action just before the break when the ball fell to striker Mark Anderson ten yards out.

Invicta looked more likely to score after the interval. On the hour mark Josh Burchell's stinging shot was palmed over by Smith and with the next attack Dryden headed wide when he should have done better.

Smith was finally beaten by Dryden 16 minutes from time, but the post came to his rescue.

• Invicta were in action at home last night against Whyteleafe, the halfway point of the league season. Log on to www.yourshepway.co.uk for the report. On Saturday, Cugley's men visit struggling Chipstead.



Picture: LAWRENCE ARNOLD

SO CLOSE: Jimmy Dryden almost earned Invicta a well-earned three points but was denied by the post

FOOTBALL



NOT OVER YET: Hythe manager Paul Fisk is not getting carried away even though his side are top of the league

Last third of season vital, says Town boss

HYPHE Town manager Paul Fisk says he will only be concerned about staying top of the Kent League once the season enters its final phase.

Town moved two points clear in the Premier Division with a 1-0 win at struggling Lordswood on Saturday.

With their title rivals all in Kent Senior Trophy action this weekend, they are guaranteed to stay at the summit for two weeks, but Fisk is not overly bothered at this stage.

He said: "It's not crucial we stay on the top at the moment, it would be nice if we could stay there all the way to the end of the season but being top in December doesn't matter too much."

"It's when it gets into the last third of the season that it really counts and it's then we want to be top and staying there. At the moment we just need to keep our heads down and get results."

The Reachfields outfit have been in and around the top for the best part of a season and a half. But despite taking the lead on several occasions they have been unable to hang on to it for long. This time, Fisk believes they are better equipped for staying out in front.

He said: "We don't think we are liable to blow up just because we are top. At Lordswood we needed to get our heads down and stick to our task and a 1-0 win away from home is great, I don't care who it's against."

"Most teams want to beat us whether we are top or not. I think we have learnt from last season, when we might have lost concentration and lost the game [at Lordswood]."

With Hythe already eliminated from the Kent Senior Trophy, they have a two-week gap in fixtures before playing Beckenham, which marks the halfway point of the season. Pat Kingwell and Sam Marsh will miss the trip after picking up five bookings, ruling them out for one game.

Fisk will bring the players in on Saturday for a training session and is hoping to organise a friendly next week to keep the players sharp.

Cook serves up a Hythe win after second penalty

FOOTBALL

Lordswood 0 Hythe Town 1

DAVE Cook got over the disappointment of missing a penalty to score with his second spot kick and give Hythe Town a hard-fought victory at Lordswood.

The midfielder's first effort was saved, but with 12 minutes to go he netted his ninth penalty of the season.

It was the very least the visitors deserved after dominating the game and the win sent them two points clear at the top of the Kent League.

Manager Paul Fisk was relieved to come away with the victory.

He said: "When the goalkeeper saved the first penalty you think it might not be your day. We had no doubt in Dave, he wouldn't shy away from taking it because he's missed one."

"It was hard work but still well deserved and on another day it might have been a few more."

Lordswood had taken just four points from 13 games but on a heavy pitch they made life difficult for Hythe. Goalkeeper Paul Hyde was a virtual spectator for long passages as Town relentlessly probed for an opening goal.

They appeared to have made a breakthrough on 55 minutes when they were awarded a penalty, but Cook's effort was well saved. Hythe were denied a clear shout for another spot kick before Ben Sly was



Picture: BOB KIPPO

ON TOP: A hard-fought victory for Hythe at Lordswood saw them move to the pinnacle of the Kent League

brought down and Cook slotted home on 78 minutes.

Victory sent Hythe to the top of the Premier Division for at least a fortnight. With most clubs in cup action next weekend, Fisk's side must wait until December 20 before their next competitive game, away to Beckenham Town.

LEAGUE TABLES (not including midweek matches)

RYMAN PREMIER DIVISION (as of December 7)

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Dover Athletic	18	15	0	3	+21	45
2 Carshalton Athletic	20	11	5	4	+7	38
3 Staines Town	18	11	4	3	+14	37
4 Canvey Island	21	10	5	6	+10	35
5 Tonbridge Angels	20	9	5	6	+10	32
6 Ashford Town (Mx)	18	10	0	8	+5	30
7 Maidstone United	19	9	3	7	+5	30
8 Tooting & Mitcham Utd	20	9	2	9	0	29
9 AFC Hornchurch	18	8	4	6	+4	28
10 Wealdstone	21	8	4	9	+2	28
11 Billericay Town	19	7	6	6	-6	27
12 Sutton United	17	7	5	5	0	26
13 Horsham	19	8	2	9	-5	26
14 Boreham Wood	19	7	4	8	-5	25
15 Dartford	19	7	3	9	-2	24
16 Hastings United	20	8	0	12	-9	24
17 Harlow Town	16	6	3	7	+2	21
18 Harrow Borough	19	5	6	8	-11	21
19 Margate	21	5	4	12	-13	19
20 Ramsgate	20	3	7	10	-16	16
21 Hendon	19	4	3	12	-4	15
22 Heybridge Swifts	19	2	7	10	-9	13

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

1 Hythe Town	15	11	2	2	19	35
2 Holmesdale	15	10	3	2	16	33
3 Tunbridge Wells	13	10	0	3	12	30
4 Herne Bay	15	9	1	5	11	28
5 Faversham Town	13	8	1	4	23	25
6 Erith & Belvedere	11	7	1	3	1	22
7 Greenwich Borough	14	7	1	6	-1	22
8 Erith Town	13	5	4	4	5	19
9 Deal Town	14	5	4	5	2	19
10 Sevenoaks Town	15	5	4	6	-2	19
11 Slade Green	15	5	3	7	-2	18
12 VCD Athletic	11	5	1	5	11	16
13 Norton Sports	12	5	1	6	-8	16
14 Beckenham Town	16	4	2	10	-4	14
15 Croydon	11	4	1	6	-2	13
16 Lordswood	14	1	1	12	-22	4
17 Sporting Bengal United	15	0	0	15	-60	0

FIXTURES (Saturday): Ryman Premier League: Dover Athletic v Dartford
Ryman South: Chipstead v Folkestone Invicta

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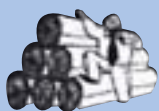
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